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SC: Rs 3,000 cr extorted in digital arrest cases

'Shocking' problem needs to be dealt with 'iron hand': Court

NEW DELHI, PTI

The Supreme Court on Monday said it needs to deal with digital arrest cases with an iron hand as it expressed shock over the scale of such cybercrime cases in the country, with over Rs 3,000 crore allegedly having been extorted from victims, including senior citizens.

Digital arrest is a growing form of cybercrime in which fraudsters pose as law enforcement or court officials or personnel from government agencies to intimidate victims through audio and video calls. They hold the victims hostage and put pressure on them to pay money.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant, Ujjal Bhuyan and Joymalya Bagchi, which appointed an amicus curiae to assist the court in the matter, perused two sealed cover reports submitted by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Central Bureau of Investigation.

"It is shocking that over Rs 3,000 crore has been collected from the victims, including senior citizens, across the country," the bench said during the hearing.

Continuing further, it said: "If we don't pass stringent and harsh orders, this problem will magnify. We have to strengthen the hands of our agencies through judicial orders. We are determined to deal with these crimes with iron hands."

The top court posted the matter for hearing on November 10 and said that it will pass certain directions based on the suggestions from the amicus.

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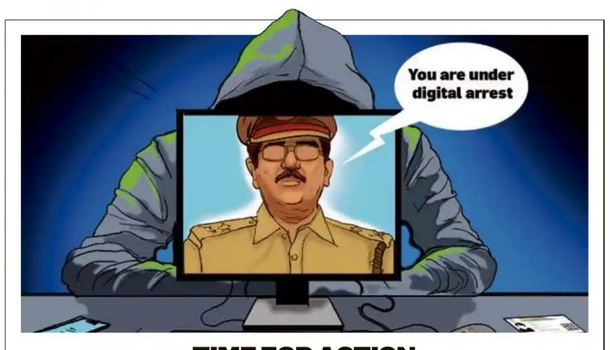

TIME FOR ACTION

Top court peruses two sealed cover reports submitted by Home Ministry and CBI on digital arrests

- As per CBI, crime syndicates are operating from offshore locations where they have "scam compounds"
- Solicitor General Tushar Mehta says Home Ministry's cybercrime division is dealing with the issues
- Court posts matter for hearing on Nov 10, says it will pass certain directions based on suggestions from amicus
- On October 27, SC had said it was inclined to entrust CBI with the probe into digital arrest cases

"We have to strengthen the hands of our agencies through judicial orders. We are determined to deal with these crimes with iron hands
- SUPREME COURT

'Ex-Manipur CM's clip tampered with'

The SC on Monday observed that the National Forensic Science Laboratory in Gujarat has said the leaked Manipur audio clips of former Manipur CM N Biren Singh on the ethnic violence were "tampered with". Page 10

Blood on roads: Reckless drivers create mayhem

19 killed as tipper collides with Telangana RTC bus

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CHEVELLA (RANGA REDDY), DHNS

In a ghastly road accident in Telangana's Ranga Reddy district, 19 people, including a 10-month-old baby, were killed on the spot on Monday morning when a public bus was hit head-on by a speeding tipper lorry loaded with gravel.

The accident occurred around 6.15 am at Chevella, around 50km from Hyderabad, on National Highway 163. The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation bus had begun its journey from Tandur, Vikarabad district, towards Hyderabad barely an hour and a half before the mishap.

Mangled remains of the TGSRTC bus after the accident. PTI

The bus was reportedly carrying around 70 passengers — most of them travelling from their native to Hyderabad to work or study after the weekend.

▸ Telangana accident, Page 5

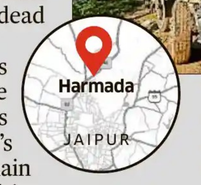
13 dead as dumper ploughs into vehicles in Jaipur

JAIPUR, PTI

A road bustling with commuters in Jaipur's Harmada area turned into a scene of devastation on Monday when a rashly driven dumper truck ploughed into at least 17 vehicles, leaving 13 people dead and 10 injured.

Bodies were strewn across the road, mangled cars lined the highway, and several motorbikes were crushed under the dumper's wheels following the horrific chain collision when the truck, whose driver was allegedly under the influence of alcohol, ploughed into these vehicles on a 300 metre stretch.

The driver hit a car, prompting locals to chase him. He accelerated further, hitting pedestrians and bikers along the road. He then stopped after colliding with a trailer truck and a car. Locals managed to nab the driver and handed him over to the police.



The dumper that caused the chain collision in Jaipur on Monday. PTI

K'taka to invest Rs 600 cr in major deeptech push

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka will spend Rs 600 crore to power its ambitions in deeptech, with plans to invest more in the next couple of years, the state government announced on Monday.

IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge said this investment includes Rs 150 crore for DeepTech Elevate Fund, with a special focus on AI and frontier technologies.

"About Rs 80 crore will go towards the Elevate Beyond Bengaluru Fund to promote startups in Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi-Dharwad and Kalaburagi. Also, Rs 75 crore through the KITVIN Fund for equity-based investments in deeptech and AI startups, with funding between Rs 50 lakh and Rs 2 crore," he said.

Close to Rs 48 crore will be allocated for new incubators and accelerators at IIT and IIIT Dharwad and Kalaburagi. About Rs 110 crore for business incubators in higher education institutions, nurturing early innovation and entrepreneurship across 11 institutions that have already been cleared by the Cabinet, Priyank said.

He further said that the government will explore fund-of-funds and co-investment models with the venture capital ecosystem to ensure continuous capital flow across the deeptech value chain.

▸ Deeptech, Page 5

Survey: Over 2L GBA households enumerated in 'native' places

Data hints at migration to B'luru from some districts

SUJAY B M
BENGALURU, DHNS

With members of 2.28 lakh households in the Greater Bengaluru Area enumerating themselves in their 'native' places, and 10 districts crossing 100% coverage during the recent Social & Educational Survey, the theory of a steady migration within Karnataka towards the state capital may gain more currency.

Mandya (110.23%), Tumakuru (106.88%), Haveri (103.68%), Chitradurga (103.56%), Chikkamagaluru (102.64%), Udupi (102.4%), Gadag (100.65), Koppal (100.46%), Davanagere (100.43%) and Chamarajanagar (100.33%) were the 10 districts where more people were enumerated than the district's population as per the estimates by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics (DES).

The aforementioned 2.28 lakh households in Bengaluru may roughly translate to 9 lakh people, assuming each house comprises four persons on an average.

▸ Survey, Page 5

FIGURING OUT SURVEY

- Estimated B'luru population (GBA + non-GBA) in 2025: **1.31 crore**
- **2.28 GBA households** enumerate in 'native' districts
- This could translate to roughly **9 lakh people**
- Total 10 districts report **100%+ enumeration**
- This indicates a significant share of 2.28 GBA households enumerated in these districts

Centre's nod to divert forest for B'luru suburban rail depot

CHIRANJEEVI KULKARNI
BENGALURU, DHNS

Giving a fillip to the suburban rail project in Bengaluru, a committee of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has given conditional approval to the Karnataka government's request for the diversion of 46 acres of forest land near Devanahalli to construct a depot.

The in-principle approval comes with the condition that the key species among the 17,615 trees marked for felling be translocated.

The Regional Empowered Committee of the ministry gave nod for the diversion of 45.96 acres of forest in Akkupete of Devanahalli taluk during the second round of deliberations held recently.

The committee had pulled up the state government and the Rail Infrastructure Development (Karnataka) Limited, known as K-RIDE, during the previous hearing, questioning the veracity of their claim that diversion of forest land for the project was unavoidable and the suitability of the alternate land suggested for compensatory afforestation.

The approval letter, dated October 28, has directed the K-RIDE to consult the forest department to identify suitable species for translocation and ensure important tree species such as Dalbergia latifolia (Indian rosewood) are translocated.

"The tree translocation plan prepared in consultation with the forest department shall be submitted along with stage-1 compliance report," the letter said.

As per the tree list submitted by the K-RIDE, the forest department had identified 17,615 trees in the area.

▸ Forest, Page 5

Suburban railway work in Bengaluru. DH FILE PHOTO

FAITH BEYOND BORDERS

Devotees from Thailand take part in the 'Kathina' ceremony, marking the end of the rainy season retreat, at Mahabodhi Temple in Bodh Gaya, on Monday. PTI

Nali Kali programme to end from 2026-27 academic year

BENGALURU, DHNS: The state government will end the 'Nali Kali' (joyful learning) programme, once hailed as a flagship early-stage schooling measure, after authorities found that it was having a negative impact on children's learning outcomes.

Nali Kali was adopted in classes 1-3 of government schools in 2009 across all government-run schools. Students of the three classes, 1 to 3 are grouped in a single classroom and perform activities as a way of learning. Nali Kali originated in Rishi Valley, and was first piloted with the support of Unicef in 1995.

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Coimbatore: PG student abducted, raped by three men

CHENNAI, DHNS: Three men allegedly abducted a 20-year-old PG student and sexually assaulted her near the Coimbatore International Airport after attacking her boyfriend.

The girl, who hails from southern Tamil Nadu, is pursuing her masters in business administration at a reputed college in the industrial city.

The incident took place late Sunday night at an isolated and unlit stretch on the Brindavan Nagar–SIHS Colony Road near the airport. The area is prone to crime incidents and there are no CCTV cameras, making it difficult for the investigators to zero-in on the culprits.

The incident took place at around 11 pm when the girl and her boyfriend were inside a car.

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B'luru 2nd airport: Airspace a concern

BENGALURU, DHNS: As plans for Bengaluru's second airport gather speed, concerns over the limited availability of airspace in the city plague the state government.

The Airport Authority of India's (AAI) report on the proposed second airport highlights that the "aircraft movement will be constrained due to restricted airspace" at all three sites proposed by the state government—two adjacent land parcels on Kanakapura Road near Harohalli, of 4,800 acres and 5,000 acres, and a 5,200-acre area on Kunigal Road near Nelamangala. Page 3A

Quickly

Syro Malabar Church flays C'hgarh pastor ban

The Kerala-based Syro Malabar Church has strongly flayed the boards placed at some villages in Chhattisgarh banning entry of pastors and converted Christians. "It is the most divisive boundary the country has seen since Partition. The fresh moves marked a new form of religious discrimination in secular India," the influential church said in a social media post.

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Manufacturing output growth picks up in Oct

Strong domestic demands buoyed by Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate rationalisation lifted India's manufacturing output growth to near five year high in October even though international sales weakened, an industry survey conducted by S&P Global showed on Monday.

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Amid row, second phase of SIR set to start today

The house-to-house enumeration of the second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls will start on Tuesday, amid West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee leading a protest against the voters' list clean-up exercise and Tamil Nadu's decision to challenge it in court. The poll revision exercise will be conducted in 12 states and UTs.

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Caretaker kills pet dog inside apartment lift

A pet caretaker has been arrested for brutally killing a dog inside an apartment lift on Kannur Road, northeast Bengaluru, police said. The incident came to light after the pet parent checked the CCTV footage. During interrogation, Pushpalatha, the pet caretaker, claimed she was frustrated with the pet's continuous barking.

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REWARD DISPARITY

Rs 51 crore vs Rs 125 crore: Progressive BCCI fails the money test

MADHU JAWALI
BENGALURU, DHNS

Few sporting bodies have done more to advance gender parity than the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

From establishing the Women's Premier League to introducing equal match fees and offering central contracts for country's top women cricketers, on the lines of men, the BCCI has been a pioneer in promoting women's cricket in the country.

Beyond these measures, the Board has ensured that the women's team benefits from top-tier infrastructure, world-class training facilities, and professional support staff—resources that were once the exclusive privilege of the men's setup.

The results are there to be seen. Along with Australia, England and South Africa, the Women in Blue have been a force to reckon with in world cricket in recent years, with vastly improved performances across continents.

Sunday's ODI World Cup triumph under the bright gaze of DY Patil Stadium's floodlights, was the culmination of Indian women cricketers' unwavering belief in themselves and a system that invested in that belief.

BCCI's rewards for men

Rs 125 crore for winning the T20 WC (2024)

Rs 58 crore for winning Champions Trophy (2025)

Rs 21 crore for winning the Asia Cup (T20 version, 2025)

This is not to say that the BCCI did any favour to women cricketers. It's just a testament to what a change in mindset can achieve. Reflecting that spirit, the richest body in world cricket announced a cash prize of Rs 51 crore for the Indian contingent, including the backroom staff, as a token of appreciation for the country's maiden women's World Cup triumph.

Mind you, that's a significant amount. Rs 12 crore more than the ICC's prize money for the title winners. But it's just that it pales in comparison to what their men counterparts received when they won the T20 World Cup in 2024 in the Americas.

▸ BCCI, Page 5

Caught on camera: Caretaker hurls, kills pet dog inside apartment lift

Claims she was frustrated by constant barking; arrested

BENGALURU, DHNS

A pet caretaker has been arrested for killing a dog inside an apartment lift on Kannur Road, northeast Bengaluru, police said.

The crime came to light after the pet parent checked CCTV footage.

Rashika KR, an MBA student, had hired Pushpalatha, a native of Tamil Nadu, about a month ago to take care of her two Chihuahuas — four-year-old Goofy and 3.5-year-old Dusky. Pushpalatha was paid Rs 23,000 a month and lived in the same flat.

On November 1, Pushpalatha took both dogs for a walk. While returning, she allegedly killed Goofy in the lift by swinging it on the floor and against the wall. She then began crying and returned to the flat.

When Rashika questioned her about the pet's death, Pushpalatha claimed ignorance. Growing suspicious, Rashika checked the CCTV footage and was horrified to see the killing. She immediately filed a complaint with the Bagalur police.

Pushpalatha was arrested under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. During interrogation, she told the police she was frustrated with the dog's continuous barking.

"I had bought Goofy from Delhi four years ago for Rs 50,000 and Dusky in Bengaluru. Dusky is very aggressive, which is why she did not harm her," Rashika told *DH*. "I hired Pushpalatha through a private agency. I do not know if they did a background verification. The agency has supported me and advised me to file a complaint. But I am in pain as I have lost my pet."

When the police came to question Pushpalatha, she had packed her belongings and was preparing to vacate the flat. Rashika alleged that some gold ornaments were missing. Police later found the ornaments under the bed in Pushpalatha's room.

Animal welfare activist Sanjana Madappa of Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA) said the case underlined the need for stronger laws against animal abuse. "Right now, there is no fear of hurting an animal. The fine is negligible, there is no jail time, and no one fears the consequences. This kind of violence shows a psychopathy that, tomorrow, could extend to a child or another adult," she said.

The People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) said those accused of animal abuse must undergo psychiatric evaluation and counselling.

Barks out of anxiety

Chihuahua is a toy breed and the official dog of Mexico, originally bred as a protective dog for small homes.

Dog behaviourist Melissa Thomas said Chihuahuas are often misunderstood; separation anxiety triggers barking that stops once they feel safe with their owners.

SANJANA MADAPPA
Animal welfare activist

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Tunnel road: Provide info to citizens, Ashoka tells govt

BENGALURU, DHNS: Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka on Monday accused the Congress government of withholding information from citizens about the proposed tunnel road project in Bengaluru.

R Ashoka

"First, they (Congress) should answer the people's questions," Ashoka said. "I've learned that approval is required from 124 departments. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar should first fill potholes. How can those who can't fix roads build a tunnel? Where is the money for this?" he asked.

Ashoka clarified that the BJP was not opposed to development projects in the city. "But the government must focus on fixing potholes and managing waste. Instead of replying to me, they should answer the people. I'm speaking as their voice," he said.

Will Pink Line really open by May 2026? Metro says no

Officials clarify underground section to finish by Dec 2026

BENGALURU, DHNS

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar courted controversy on Monday after posting on X that the entire 21.26-km Pink Line of Namma Metro will open in May 2026.

"Our commitment to better connectivity continues! Namma Metro Pink Line connecting Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara will be operational by May 2026. This 13.76 km stretch will ease traffic and strengthen north-south connectivity across Bengaluru," he wrote.

The post was quickly disputed by many users and even resulted in a community note.

Senior BMRCL officials overseeing the Pink Line construction reiterated that the corridor would open in two phases. The 7.5-km elevated stretch from Kalena Agrahara to Tavarekere will open in May 2026, while the 13.76-km underground section (Dairy Circle-Nagavara via MG Road) will start only by December next year.

"The elevated section is almost ready, except for minor works that will be completed closer to the launch," a senior official with knowledge of the matter told *DH*.

This section, running entirely along Bannerghatta Road, has six stations: Tavarekere, Jayadeva Hospital, JP Nagar 4th Phase, IIMB, Hulimavu and Kalena Agrahara.

Jayadeva Hospital, the tallest metro station in South India, will be Bengaluru's third interchange.

Meanwhile, the underground section — the city's longest at 13.76 km — is far from over. Although tunnelling finished in December 2024, track-laying and systems work are still underway.

The underground section runs from Dairy Circle to Nagavara via MG Road — the city's fourth interchange station — and has 12 stations.

The Dairy Circle-Shivajinagar stretch is in advanced stages, with civil work and track-laying being completed, two other officials said.

"Systems work, including the Electronic Control System (ECS), Tunnel Ventilation System (TVS), firefighting pipes, Automated Fare Collection (AFC) gates and signalling, is progressing," one of the officials said.

Preparations are also underway to install full-height Platform Screen Doors (PSDs) on this stretch, and a mockup has already been put in place at MG Road, a fourth official said.

On the Cantonment-Nagavara stretch, track-laying has been completed up to Venkateshpura and is currently progressing towards KG Halli, the official said.

"Station work on this stretch is 95% complete," the official added. "Escalators and lifts have been installed at most stations."

All systems work is expected to be finished within three months, after which finishing works such as false ceilings, fire doors and granite flooring at the platform level will be taken up, the official stated.

Metro construction on Bannerghatta Road. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Prototype train by Nov end

The BMRCL expects to receive the prototype driverless train for the Pink Line from BEML by the end of November, a fifth official said. BEML will supply 23 trains in total.

The prototype will undergo several weeks of static tests at the Kothanur depot before trial runs begin on the mainline — a process likely to take up to six months.

Clean-up drive in Bengaluru North on Nov 8; win prizes up to Rs 1 lakh

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru North City Corporation will hold an intensive day-long cleanliness drive across its limits on November 8.

The drive will cover assembly constituencies such as Hebbal, Pulakeshinagar, Sarvagnanagar, Yelahanka, Byatarayanapura, Dasarahalli, and parts of Rajarajeshwari Nagar.

The corporation will deploy its workforce from multiple departments, including solid waste management, engineering, and health. It has also invited civic groups and non-governmental organisations to join the initiative.

The best-performing organisations will receive cash rewards, the press note said. The winners will take home Rs 1,00,000, while the second and third prizes are Rs 50,000 and Rs 25,000. Consolation prizes will also be given at the constituency level.

Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar urged citizens to actively take part in the cleanliness drive.

Rs 250 reward for reporting garbage dumping: No decision as yet, says BSWML

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML) on Monday clarified that it has not finalised any plan to offer Rs 250 as a reward to citizens who share videos of people dumping garbage.

In a statement, the agency said the idea been discussed, but no decision has been taken.

"At present, there is no plan to give monetary rewards to citizens who complain about habitual litterbugs," a senior official said, dismissing viral media reports on the issue.

Video of men filming tiger cubs in BRT sparks outrage

BENGALURU, DHNS: A video showing a few people carrying and filming three tiger cubs in the headlights of a vehicle inside the BRT Tiger Reserve has sparked outrage among wildlife activists, who have demanded an investigation.

Activist Dinesh Kallahalli, in a complaint to the Forest Department, alleged that the video shows three men from a private estate in Punajanur handling cubs barely 10 days old. The clip was reportedly shared on a WhatsApp group by a person linked to an NGO.

Kallahalli said the incident raises doubts about the mother's safety, noting that tigresses rarely leave cubs that young. He also alleged that efforts were made to delete the video. He also pointed to a previous case against a person associated with "Wild Cane" for possessing tiger parts.

He added that such illegal activities could be linked to the decline in tiger numbers in BRT — from 52 in 2014 to 37 in 2022.

BRT Tiger Reserve Director Sripathi BS could not be reached for comment.

BJP MLA seeks ban on feeding pigeons in public parks

BENGALURU, DHNS: BJP MLA and former minister S Suresh Kumar has urged the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to prohibit feeding pigeons in public parks.

In a letter to GBA Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao, Kumar said residents have complained about people feeding pigeons at Netaji Park in Basaveshwara Nagar. "The pollution in the city is already harming the lungs of people and multiple reports have proved that pigeons are harmful for people's health."

Suresh Kumar

Doctors warned that close contact with pigeons could lead to severe respiratory illnesses, including lung failure.

Ravindra Mehta, Senior Consultant and Head of Pulmonology, said, "Feeding pigeons and cleaning their droppings leads to hypersensitivity pneumonia, which causes inflamed and scarred lungs, and may result in liver failure."

Dr Pragathi Rao, Senior Consultant, Pulmonology, said, "Exposure to feathers and droppings leads to lung damage, and only early detection makes it reversible. Otherwise, it can cause irreversible shrinkage of lungs and can be fatal."

The GBA chief said the letter would be examined and action would be decided.

UDD to hold weekly reviews with GBA, city corporations

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Urban Development Department (UDD) will hold weekly review meetings with senior officials of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and the five newly formed municipal corporations every Monday.

The one-hour meetings will cover civic issues such as pothole-filling, solid waste management, and the city's master plan. They are intended to take stock of ongoing projects, it is learnt.

Those invited include the chief commissioner and special commissioners of the GBA, commissioners of the five city corporations, town planning officers, and senior UDD officials.

While the UDD maintains that the reviews are meant to stabilise the new urban governance system in Bengaluru, activists argue that the department has no mandate to oversee municipal functions unless it is held accountable for delays or irregularities. They note that the GBA was created precisely to coordinate efforts among the five corporations.

Tushar Girinath

The GBA Act itself is vague about the UDD's role, containing only one reference to the department — relating to the Ad Hoc Audit Committee, which examines audit reports submitted to the government and evaluates compliance by the corporations or the GBA. The committee is chaired by the additional chief secretary.

Senior GBA officers said the meetings aim to guide officials new to the system, as several Bengaluru-related files require government approval.

"We are training the officers. They need our support as the system is just taking shape," said Tushar Girinath, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department. "The meeting is being planned to review progress and discuss the way forward."

Bengaluru customs seizes drugs worth Rs 37.88 crore

BENGALURU, DHNS: In a major haul, the Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of the Bengaluru Customs has seized hydroponic ganja worth Rs 37.88 crore at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

Officials said the team intercepted a passenger arriving from Bangkok via Dubai at Terminal 2 on October 29. On inspecting the suspect's baggage, they found 37.88 kg of hydroponic ganja concealed inside.

The passenger was taken into custody, and action has been initiated under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Further investigation is underway, officials added.

Train stoppages at Nelamangala, Hoodi

BENGALURU, DHNS: In view of the ongoing track electrification between Subrahmanya Road and Sakleshpur and the cancellation of the Yeshwantpur-Mangaluru Junction-Yeshwantpur Express (16575/16576), the Solapur-Hassan-Solapur Express (11311/11312) will continue to stop at Nelamangala for six more weeks.

Train number 11311 Solapur–Hassan Express will have temporary stoppage at Nelamangala until December 15.

Train number 11312 Hassan–Solapur Express will have temporary stoppage at Nelamangala until December 16.

There is no change in their arrival and departure timings at Nelamangala.

Stoppage at Hoodi

Train numbers 16519/16520 KSR Bengaluru–Jolarpettai–KSR Bengaluru MEMU will continue to stop at Hoodi Halt station for another six months, from December 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026.

Fake FB a/c in cop's name: Spl team to nab fraudster

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Tilak Nagar police have formed a special team to track down a conman who created a fake Facebook account in the name of police inspector K Vishwanath and duped one of his friends of Rs 20,000.

Inspector Vishwanath, who is also the investigating officer in the case, said the accused, who hails from Rajasthan, is being tracked using technical inputs.

The officer said the scam came to light when one of his friends, who had already transferred Rs 20,000, was about to send another Rs 80,000.

"Before transferring the second amount, he called the number to confirm. The man spoke in Hindi, which made my friend suspicious. He then contacted me directly and informed me about the incident," Vishwanath added.

On October 29, the fake Facebook account named 'Vishwanath PSI' was created, claiming that an Assistant Commandant with the CRPF — allegedly a close friend — was being transferred and wanted to sell his household furniture.

The post mentioned that all items were in good condition and available at reasonable prices. Believing the post to be genuine, one of Vishwanath's friends transferred Rs 20,000 via UPI the same evening.

Man flashes woman in Indiranagar; cops say no CCTV footage

BENGALURU, DHNS: An unidentified man allegedly exposed himself to a woman in Indiranagar while she was out for a morning walk, police said.

Police said the 33-year-old complainant, a resident of Domlur, was walking her pet dog when an unidentified man reportedly followed her, called out, and exposed himself.

Stunned and frightened, the woman momentarily froze before gathering the courage to walk away. She narrated the incident to her siblings, who later helped her lodge a complaint with the Indiranagar police.

A senior officer said no CCTV cameras covered the area, making identification difficult.

Police are investigating.

KSCW seeks report on alleged police assault on woman at station

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka State Commission for Women (KSCW) has sought a report from the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Whitefield) on the alleged assault of a woman at the Varthur police station.

According to reports, a 34-year-old woman and her husband were allegedly detained and beaten by police personnel after being accused of stealing a diamond ring from their employer's house.

The incident comes days after DG&IGP MA Saleem issued a circular directing police personnel to act with dignity and sensitivity while dealing with the public, especially women.

On October 30, Sundari Bibi, a native of West Bengal, and her husband — a garbage vehicle driver — were taken to the Varthur police station after their employers, a techie couple, accused her of theft.

The couple reportedly conducted a "sting" operation by dropping a Rs 100 note on the floor to observe her reaction. CCTV footage allegedly showed Sundari picking up the note, which she claimed she intended to return later.

Sundari later alleged that seven police personnel — four men and three women — assaulted her inside the station. "I pleaded my innocence, but they kept hitting me with lathis and called me a Bangladeshi," she said, adding that her husband was also beaten for defending her.

Their cries for help reportedly drew the attention of nearby migrant workers, who alerted a city-based social activist. The police later released Sundari, who was unable to walk due to her injuries. She was taken to Bowring Hospital, where doctors recorded multiple bruises and registered a medico-legal case (MLC).

K Parashuram, DCP (Whitefield), said, "I have not yet received any communication from the State Commission for Women. I have instructed the ACP (Whitefield) to conduct an inquiry. Based on the findings, appropriate action will be taken."

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Department of Posts: District-level Stamp Collection Exhibition; Guests: HP Nagarajaiah, Chandrashekhar Kakumanu, Sandesh Mahadevappa, V Tara, BL Shankar, C Ravindranath, N Sridevi; Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat, Kumarakrupa Road; 10 am onwards.

Bengaluru Skill Summit: Inauguration: Siddaramaiah; DK Shivakumar, Dr Sharanaprakash Patil to attend; The Lalit Ashok, Kumarakrupa Road; 4 pm.

Fridays for Future, PUCL and AICCTU: Release of 'Honnavara Port Project' fact-finding report; Medha Patkar; Press Club, Cubbon Park; 5 pm.

B.M. Sri Pratishthan: V Rani Govindaraju Endowment Award; Wooday P Krishna; Awardee: R Basappa; V Rani Govindaraju, Bairamangala Ramegowda; NR Colony; 5 pm.

CULTURAL

Rangapayana: Drama Festival-2025: 'Bendre who taught us life (Song Festival)' Mela; Manjunath Ankura, Rajguru, Prabhakar; Talk: Gundanna Chikkamagaluru; 'Bhoomi' Drama Performance; Direction: Rajguru; Kalagrama, Mallattahalli; 6 pm onwards.

RELIGIOUS

Vijaya Madhva Sangha: 'Ananda Ramayana' Religious Discourse; Venkateshachar Katti; Gangadhar Layout, Vijayanagar; 6.30 pm.

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FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	28.0°C
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Rainfall (as of 8:30 am)	--
Humidity (as of 5:30 pm)	66%
Sunset (Nov 4)	5:53 pm
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Moonset	3:44 am

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

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Fake finance firm cheats B'luru man of Rs 1.16 cr

Part of the lost money belonged to victim's friend

PRAJWAL D'SOUZA
BENGALURU, DHNS

Impersonating a company from Mumbai offering financial services, scammers cheated a Bengaluru man of Rs 1.16 crore.

The victim Dileep N (name changed) from Nagarabhavi realised the con only when he couldn't withdraw his money, which he thought he was investing with Systematix Group.

Dileep, in his complaint, said that on September 17, he saw an advertisement on Instagram related to trading. When he clicked on it, he was added to a WhatsApp group 'C516Systematix Investment'.

The suspect Devanshi Parekh, the group admin, reached out to Dileep and shared the website *www.systematixgroup.in/about-us*, which belonged to the authentic company. The scamsters claimed that they were from Systematix Group, and since Dileep saw the website, he believed them.

Next, a person claiming to be Prof Vinit Maheshwari explained to Dileep about trading in the stock market and the large profit he was destined to gain.

Dileep was made to download a fake app, PrimeSysmt.

On September 22, Dileep began the so-called investment with Rs 50,000. Over the next 17 days, Dileep made several transactions amounting to Rs 1,16,36,777 to 11 bank accounts shared by the scammers.

"He believed he was gaining on his investment, as the fake manipulated app showed that the money he was investing in the stock market was making returns. Part of the lost money belonged to the victim's friend, as per his statement," a police investigator told *DH*.

A rude shock awaited Dileep on October 8 when he tried to withdraw the money, but was told to make more payments as charges. After waiting a few days, he approached the police on October 31, and an FIR was registered. Probe is on.

Company warns of fraud

When DH checked Systematix Group's official website on Monday, it displayed a pop-up warning.

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Limited airspace concerns plague B'luru's 2nd airport plan

Will follow up with defence ministry panel, says M B Patil

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

As plans for Bengaluru's second airport gather speed, concerns over the limited availability of airspace in the city plague the state government.

The Airport Authority of India's (AAI) report on the upcoming airport highlights that the "aircraft movement will be constrained due to restricted airspace" at all three sites proposed by the government — two adjacent land parcels on Kanakapura Road near Harohalli, of 4,800 acres and 5,000 acres, and a 5,200-acre area on Kunigal Road near Nelamangala.

"Bengaluru has too many establishments that have already established their claim over the airspace in the city. About half of Bengaluru's airspace is under the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), almost going up to Coimbatore. In the north, it all comes under the air force station at Yelahanka. Their airspace apparently extends up to Hassan. So now, we have to specifically earmark airspace for the second airport," a senior official from the industries ministry told *DH*.

The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) faced similar concerns at the time of its establishment.

"A small portion of the airspace was earmarked for the airport back then. A similar thing needs to be done for the new airport. This remains a challenge, and we will require support from the defence sector. We'll have to work out some kind of agreement where the defence sector can use the airspace at a particular time and height, while allowing us to make use of it the rest of the time," the official said.

The site in Karenahalli on Kanakapura main road identified for the second international airport, on the outskirts of Bengaluru. DH FILE PHOTO

To move ahead with the project at the proposed Kanakapura locations, the instrument flight procedures (IFPs) will depend on IFPs at HAL airport and TAAL airport in Hosur. For the Nelamangala location, it will be dependent on the IFPs of HAL, IAF-Yelahanka and KIA.

Aircraft operations from Nelamangala location will hamper aircraft operations at the aforementioned three airports, thus restricting the capacity of the proposed airport, the report said.

"We will follow due process with the committee of the defence ministry to get airspace," Industries Minister M B Patil told *DH*.

The runway length proposed for the greenfield airport is 4,500 m x 45 m for the primary runway and 4,000 m x 45 m for the secondary parallel runway.

However, acquisition of land for the airport is not possible before getting regulatory clearance from the ministry of civil aviation, assessment and removal of obstacles as per the obstacle limitation surfaces (OLS) survey and mandatory no objection certificate (NOC) from the authorities concerned.

The state government will need to conduct topographic and OLS surveys using aerial LiDAR technology.

All three locations comprise both hard and soft rocky terrain, "presenting significant challenges during execution," stated the AAI report.

While the locations near Kanakapura have hills on the eastern and western sides, the Nelamangala location features hills on the north-eastern and western sides.

These obstacles must be "evaluated to determine whether they pose potential obstacles to safe air navigation. Any hill within the site boundary that is identified as an obstacle will require levelling," said the report. The process will move forward once a consultancy firm takes up the project.

BJP, RSS leaders strategise to counter govt's ideological narrative

Work harder to shape public opinion against Cong, BJP told

BENGALURU, DHNS

Top BJP and RSS leaders brainstormed on Monday to discuss strategies to counter the Congress government's ideological narrative, especially the move to curb activities of the Hindu nationalist organisation in the state.

RSS leaders Na Thippeswamy, Vadiraj C S, BJP state president B Y Vijayendra, leaders of the Opposition R Ashoka and Chalavadi Narayanaswamy among others attended the *chintan varg* here.

The Congress government, especially Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Panchayat Raj, IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge, have been going after the RSS, intensifying their ideological warfare.

The government even issued an order regulating the activities of private organisations in public places, a move aimed at RSS. The order, however, has been stayed by the High court.

"It was discussed that all of us should speak in one voice when it comes to ideological issues," one BJP leader with RSS roots said.

"The government is setting a narrative against the RSS and its ideology. It is trying to position RSS as anti-Ambedkar, anti-Constitution, anti-Dalit, etc. We need to change this," another BJP lawmaker who attended the brainstorming meeting said.

It is said that the BJP was nudged by the RSS to work harder on shaping public opinion against the governing Congress.

"We keep meeting regularly, once in 6-8 months. We discuss political developments," Vijayendra told reporters.

RSS not registered: Priyank shares document

Priyank Kharge shared a document Monday in which the organisation "officially stated" that it was not a registered entity.

"If it truly serves the nation selflessly, why not register like the lakhs of NGOs that work transparently and lawfully? Where do their donations come from and who are the donors?" he said in a tweet. "Why does the head of an unregistered organization receive advanced security liaison protocol, putting him on par with the prime minister and home minister? Why is tax payers ' money being spent for the head of RSS?" Priyank said.

18 special trains via Puttaparthi for Sai Baba centenary

BENGALURU, DHNS: The railways will run 18 special trains connecting Bengaluru & various cities via Puttaparthi to clear rush of passengers for birth centenary of Sathya Sai Baba.

Train number 08551 will depart from Araku at noon on Nov 13 and 23, and arrive at Yelahanka at 10.15 am. Train number 08552 will leave Yelahanka at 1.30 pm on Nov 14 and 24, and reach Araku at 2.30 pm.

Train number 08555 will depart from Araku at noon on Nov 17 and 24, and arrive at Yelahanka at 10.15 am. Train number 08556 will leave Yelahanka at 2 pm on Nov 18 and 25, and reach Araku at 2.30 pm.

Train number 08463 will depart from Bhubaneswar at 6.15 am on Nov 16 and arrive at B'luru Cantonment at 11.15 am. Train number 08464 will leave B'luru Cantonment at 5.30 am on Nov 20 and reach Bhubaneswar at 10.15 am.

Train number 08553 will depart from Srikakulam Road at 3.30 pm on Nov 21, and arrive at B'luru Cantonment at 2.45 pm. Train number 08554 will leave B'luru Cantonment at 2 pm on Nov 24 and reach Srikakulam Road at 5 pm.

Train number 08335 will depart from Sambalpur at 6.30 am on Nov 20 and arrive at B'luru Cantonment at 11.15 am. Train number 08336 will leave B'luru Cantonment at 5.30 am on Nov 24 and reach Sambalpur at noon.

Train number 08445 will depart from Cuttack at 5 am on Nov 21 and arrive at B'luru Cantonment at 10.45 am. Train number 08446 will leave B'luru Cantonment at 5.30 am on Nov 25 and reach Cuttack at 11.30 am.

Train number 07409 will depart from Anakapalle at 5.15 pm on Nov 13 and arrive at Yelahanka at 12.30 pm. Train number 07410 will leave Yelahanka at 2 pm on Nov 14 and reach Anakapalle at 11 am.

Train number 07411 will depart from Vijayawada at 7 pm on Nov 22 and arrive at Yelahanka at 10 am. Train number 07412 will leave Yelahanka at 4 pm on Nov 24 and reach Vijayawada at 6.40 am.

Train number 07413 will depart from Secunderabad at 6.05 pm on Nov 22 and arrive at Bengaluru Cantonment at 10.45 am. Train number 07414 will leave B'luru Cantonment at 5 pm on Nov 24 and reach Secunderabad at 7.45 am.

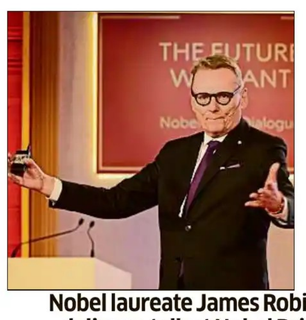
Nobel laureate talks on 'society reaching inflection point in prosperity'

ASRA MAVAD
BENGALURU, DHNS

Nobel laureate James Robinson explored the possibility of the current society having reached an inflection point in prosperity and progress, during his talk at the Nobel Prize Dialogue here on Monday.

Robinson was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2024 in economic sciences for studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity. Robinson was also a recipient of the 2024 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

In his talk, he explored the theory of the 'One Way Street'. Explaining the concept, he said, "When did theorising about prosperity and progress start? You could cut into that at many points in world history. But one way to do it would be with two Scottish gentlemen — Adam Smith and Adam Ferguson. So Ferguson and Smith, they were in Scotland in the second half of the 18th century. They were looking at all tectonic things that were going on in their societies, urbanisation, industrialisation and a radical transformation. And they came up with a theory. I'm going to call it the one-way street theory. As per that, the more you are like us, the better. This view of the world had a fundamental impact on social theory."



Nobel laureate James Robinson and David MacMillan deliver a talk at Nobel Prize Dialogue, in Bengaluru on Monday. DH PHOTOS/B K JANARDHAN

Violinist L Subramaniam and his singer-wife Kavita Krishnamurti perform at the event.

However, the 'one way street' could never exist in reality, he highlighted.

"It's always a two-way or a multiway street. Liberalism wasn't something that traced itself to the Greeks, and the Greeks weren't exactly what they're made out to be by John Stuart Mill. In reality, everything was and remains borrowed. We all have a lot to learn from each other in a way that's not possible in this one-way street model, where people like me are supposed to be telling people like you on how you should organise your societies. It's my experience that doing research in the developing world in the past 30 or 40 years has never worked out like that," he elaborated.

In his closing remarks, Robinson highlighted the scope for reinvention and the possibility of a new economic model in recent times.

Catalysis is future of science, says David MacMillan

Speaking at the same event, David MacMillan, who won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2021 with Benjamin List for the development of asymmetric organocatalysis, provided insight into what organocatalysis means and its relevance in today's world.

"One of the biggest futures in science is actually catalysis. Catalysis is absolutely massive... Catalysis makes existing chemical reactions easier and faster, but more importantly, it takes chemical reactions that were impossible and makes them possible. In fact, 90% of the world's chemical reactions on an industrial scale use catalysis, and 35% of global GDP at present is based upon catalysis," he stated.

His focus specifically lies on organocatalysis —It is the acceleration of chemical reactions using small, organic molecules instead of traditional metal or enzyme catalysts. So far, the number one application of organocatalysis has been for medicines and for making medicines. He also highlighted its prominent use in India.

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Food poisoning at residential school: 12 students fall sick

BELAGAVI, DHNS: Food poisoning at Morarji Desai Residential School at Hirekodi village in Chikkodi taluk of the district left 12 students sick. Although the children took ill and were subsequently admitted to a hospital on Oct 29 and 30, the incident came to light only on Monday. This is the second time that an incident of food poisoning has been reported at the school. As many as 177 students took ill after eating at its hostel a month ago.

New BMTC bus services

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has introduced the following new non-AC metro feeder bus services:

MF-21BB: Banashankari TTMC to Begur via JP Nagar 6th Phase/Indira Gandhi Circle, Delmia Circle, Bilekahalli, Sathya Sai Temple and Yelenahalli. One bus will make 16 one-way trips daily.

MF-19: RV Metro Station to Vijayanagar TTMC via Banashankari, Monotype, BDA Complex, Hosakerehalli Cross, Girinagar and Attiguppe.

Two buses will make 32 one-way trips daily.

AC e-buses to Nelamangala

The BMTC has also introduced six AC electric express bus services between Majestic and Nelamangala with limited stops (Central Talkies, Malleswaram 8th/11th Cross, Malleswaram 8th Cross, Govardhan Talkies, Goraguntepalya, Widia School and Arasinakunte) on the V-258C route.

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Department of Social Justice & Empowerment

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR STATE COORDINATORS UNDER PROGRAMME MONITORING UNIT (PMU)

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has decided to constitute a Programme Monitoring Unit (PMU) 2025 with young professionals for monitoring & evaluating the schemes at the ground level and for providing feedback for their efficient implementation and mid-course correction.

Applications are invited for selection of 49 State Coordinators for the PMU, located at New Delhi, on **non-renewable contract for 2 years from date of their appointment.** The position carries a consolidated pay of **Rs.75,000/-** per month and involves extensive travel for about 20-25 days every month, depending upon requirement. Graduates in any discipline or going to pass out in this academic year (from institutes ranked by Ministry of Education under NIRF ranking - 100 overall top Institutes, 100 top Colleges, 100 top Universities and 50 top Research Institutes of country) are eligible for applying for this position.

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The registration and submission of application is open from **04th November 2025 to 04th December 2025.**

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Advt. No. C-DOTD/HR/REC/2025/10/01 Date: 04 November 2025

VACANCY NOTICE

NOTICE FOR THE VACANCIES OF THE FOLLOWING POSTS AT C-DOT
Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for filling up the below mentioned posts at C-DOT, Delhi Office.

Sl.	Name of Post	Mode	Pay Level	No. of vacancy	Remarks
1.	Head–Strategic Government Collaboration	On Deputation Basis	Level 14 of 7CPC	01	Interested & Eligible Candidates may apply and submit their applications in offline mode only.
2.	Consultant – Protocol	On fixed term contact	Consolidated Rs.50,000/month	01	Interested & Eligible Candidates may Walk-in for Interviews scheduled at C- DOT, Delhi office as per the details communicated through C-DOT website.

For detailed information including the Job description and application process, please visit the 'Careers' section of the C-DOT website: https://www.cdot.in/cdotweb/web/careers.php?lang=en#current_openings

Last date of application for the Post of **Head–Strategic Government Collaboration** is 30 days from the date of publication in Employment News (English) and the Walk-in Interview date for the **Consultant – Protocol** role will be announced on the C-DOT website. All Government candidates are to route their application through proper channel as per details given in the website.

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CORRIGENDUM NO. 2

Due to typographical mistake, annual turnover for the last financial year mentioned in S. No. 1 of the parameter under clause no 6.5 in the bid document of **EOI Notice No. NFR-SMMMA-PR-2025 dt. 28-10-2025** should **now be read as Cumulative turnover of last three completed Financial years.**

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RSS granted permission for route march in Kembhavi

KEMBHAVI (YADGIR DIST), DHNS: The deputy commissioner of Yadgir district has granted conditional permission to RSS to take out a route march in Kembhavi town of the district on Tuesday (November 4).

Two other organisations - Karnataka Dalita Sangharsha Samiti (Krishnappa faction) and State Dalita Sangharsha Samiti - had made a plea that permission should not be granted to RSS. They said if permission is granted to RSS, these two organisations should also be allowed to hold a march on the same day.

DC Harshal Bhoyar said that the RSS would take out route march on November 4. "I have told other organisations to schedule the march on some other day. The rest is left to the police," he said.

Superintendent of Police Pruthvik Shankar told *DH* that the DC had asked Dalit organisations to schedule their march on some other day. Legal action will be taken if a march is held without permission, he said.

Renukaswamy murder: Charges framed against Darshan, others

Court to decide trial date on November 10

PRAJWAL D'SOUZA
BENGALURU, DHNS

As scores of fans and advocates waited outside, a Bengaluru court on Monday framed charges against popular Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, his friend Pavithra Gowda and 15 other accused after they pleaded not guilty in the Renukaswamy murder case.

All 17 accused, including Darshan (48), were produced physically on Monday afternoon before the additional city civil and sessions judge. The judge read out each of the charges mentioned in the charge sheet to the accused in detail.

The key charges invoked in the charge sheet were murder (IPC 302), criminal conspiracy (IPC 120B), kidnapping or abducting to murder (IPC 364) and disappearance of evidence (IPC 201).

All the accused said they were pleading "not guilty". Continuing with the procedure, the judge took the pleas on record, framed charges and adjourned the hearing to November 10 to set the date for trial.

The counsel for the defence requested the court orally that they would prefer an in-camera hearing. A decision is expected during the next hearing.

As the judge began the proceedings, he observed that amid such a commotion, how was he supposed to frame the charges and that what he read should be clearly heard by the accused. He then directed only those involved with the case to remain inside.

Police escort Darshan and Pavithra Gowda at the court in Bengaluru on Monday.

After the charges were framed, the accused, including Darshan and Pavithra, were moved back to the Parappana Agrahara central prison in Bengaluru, where they will continue to remain under judicial custody.

The police personnel had a hard time escorting Darshan out, who let out a slight smile on seeing his fans and briefly raised his hands to greet them. Loud 'D-Boss, D-Boss' chants echoed at the city civil court complex.

Speaking to reporters, the counsel representing Pavithra claimed that the charges were frivolous.

"This case should be treated like any other normal case – this is also what we said in court. When their involvement isn't there, why should they plead guilty? It doesn't mean whatever the police investigated is correct. This is the only case where a charge sheet was particularly submitted in volumes," the advocate said.

Renukaswamy, a 33-year-old resident of Chitradurga, was found murdered near a stormwater drain in Sumanahalli, west Bengaluru, on June 9, 2024. His body was badly mutilated.

Police arrested Darshan, his female friend Pavithra Gowda and seven others two days later.

More arrests followed subsequently. According to police, the motive behind the murder was Renukaswamy's "obscene" messages to Pavithra on social media.

On September 3, 2024, police filed a 3,991-page charge sheet, naming Pavithra as accused 1 and Darshan as accused 2, detailing the brutality of the crime. They subsequently filed a supplementary charge sheet.

On August 14, 2025, the Supreme Court cancelled the bail granted by the Karnataka High Court to Darshan, Pavithra and others and allowed the prosecution's special leave petition.

SC stays HC order on keeping records of film ticket sale

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the Karnataka High Court's order asking multiplexes to maintain a comprehensive and auditable record for every movie ticket sold.

The high court's division bench had passed the direction on September 30 while hearing a plea against an order of its single judge that had granted an interim stay on the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2025, which sought to cap cinema ticket prices at Rs 200.

A plea challenging the division bench order came up for hearing on Monday before a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta.

"This should be fixed," the bench said, while observing that multiplexes were charging Rs 100 for a water bottle.

"As it is, the cinema is declining. Make it more reasonable for people to come and enjoy. Otherwise, the halls are empty," the bench said, adding, "We are with the division bench that it should be Rs 200."

The bench agreed to hear the plea filed by Multiplex Association of India and others.

It issued notice to the Karnataka State Film Chamber of Commerce and others seeking their responses on the plea within four weeks.

"In the meantime, the effect and operation of the impugned order shall remain stayed," the bench said.

The top court said it would be open for the single judge to proceed with the matter.

The single judge had passed the order on September 23 on the pleas challenging the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2025, which capped the ticket price at Rs 200.

The single judge had granted an interim stay on the amendment until further orders.

When the matter came up before the division bench, it said an interim arrangement was required to be made to protect the financial interests of all concerned, pending final adjudication of the petition.

It passed directions, including that multiplexes would maintain comprehensive and auditable records for every ticket sold and the records must include the date and time of sale, mode of booking, mode of payment, amount collected and the GST component.

"Digitally traceable receipts must be issued for all cash transactions, and daily cash registers must be countersigned by the manager-in-charge of the multiplex," it said.

The division bench said that for cash-based ticket sales, multiplexes must issue numbered, time-stamped receipts to the consumers.

It posted the matter for further hearing on November 25.

Planning body member suggests Rs 550-cr overhaul for EMPRI

Air, water quality monitoring to be part of urban devpt programmes

CHIRANJEEVI KULKARNI
BENGALURU, DHNS

As environment policies gain attention against the backdrop of climate change, a member of Karnataka Policy and Planning Commission sub-committee has proposed a Rs 550-crore makeover for the Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI).

The fund will be spent over the next 15 years on strengthening various wings of the institute to develop it into an institution capable of guiding the transformation of Karnataka's environmental governance and sustainability infrastructure, as per the proposal by Mohandas Hegde, member of the sub-committee on Environment and Climate Change.

A major part of the budgetary support (Rs 300 crore) is marked for the Forest, Ecology and Environment department. From creation of Karnataka Green Policy Innovation Commission to staffing the department with new technical cadres of climate scientists, environment impact assessment specialists and data analysts, the institutional upgrade also includes the setting up of the EMPRI oversight board under the additional chief secretary.

The proposal also recommends official adoption of the green development index (GDI) and deployment of field officers for implementation. Other measures include funding and co-developing AI-based real-time systems for environment intelligence, blockchain

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EIA portal and signing memoranda of understanding with institutions for linking technology to climate policy and governance mechanisms.

The document pushes for green development at village level through embedding of GDI indicators in the zilla panchayat where development projects are planned and implemented. This includes mobilisation of gram panchayats for environmental alerts and digital grievance redressal mechanisms.

Further, an integrated air and water quality monitoring is proposed to be part of the urban development programmes like smart city projects. ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) framework compliance is also suggested for corporations in five cities: Bengaluru, Mysuru, Hubballi, Mangaluru and Kalaburagi.

In view of the multi-department coordination required for the implementation, the proposal bats for an interdepartmental steering committee under the chief secretary besides other measures.

"EMPRI has the potential to help Karnataka during a crisis and we should make use of it," Hegde told *DH*. In a note, the Forest, Ecology and Environment minister has asked the additional chief cecretary of his department to look into the proposal.

Centenarian Rajyotsava awardee passes away

DODDABALLAPUR, DHNS: Penna Obalaiah (105), who was conferred with Karnataka Rajyotsava award on November 1, died of old-age related issues on Sunday night. His last rites were conducted at his village Simpadipura on Monday.

Penna Obalaiah was known for his skill in making Veena, a musical instrument. He was selected for this year's Rajyotsava award. His relative said that due to breathing issues, Obalaiah was unable to climb the dais at Ravindra Kalakshetra during award ceremony. The doctor on the spot had immediately shifted him to hospital by an ambulance.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah condoled the death in a post on social media platform 'X'.

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Minister orders probe into Khanapur elephant deaths

BENGALURU, DHNS: Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has ordered an inquiry into the role of officials in the death of two elephants near Khanapur of Belagavi on Sunday.

The elephants were electrocuted when they came in contact with an electrified fence at a farm in Sulegali village. The animals had come from the forests of Dandeli in search of food. "It is said that forest officers and staff have not taken necessary steps despite knowing about elephant movement for the past few days. Conduct a probe and submit a report on the matter in five days," Khandre said in a note to the principal chief conservator of forests (wildlife). He said legal action should be initiated against persons who had installed the illegal electric fence.

Kosumbe made in-charge chairperson of KCPCR

BENGALURU, DHNS: The state government has appointed Shashidhar Sangashetty Kosumbe as in-charge chairperson of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KCPCR). Shashidhar is a senior member of the Commission. The position of the chairperson was vacant since October 20 as the term of K Naganna Gowda ended.

Bescom plans EV stations on state highways, in tourist spots

To address fears of long-distance commute by EVs

SNEHA RAMESH
BENGALURU, DHNS

For the first time, Bescom is planning to set up 30 EV charging stations along the state highways, and has written to the Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) in this regard.

At present, Bescom has 209 EV stations in Bengaluru and there is no such facility along state highways making long distance commute of Electric Vehicle (EV) owners a worrisome task.

"We have written to the KRDCL and are hopeful that we will receive an approval soon," said Dr N Shivashankar, Managing Director, Bescom.

Earlier, many EV users had said they were not confident to take their EVs on a long trip since they were not sure about the charging infrastructure. The initiative will put an end to such fears, Shivashankar noted.

"With the installation of EV charging stations along highways, at tourist destinations, and key public locations, we are ensuring that range anxiety becomes a thing of the past. This initiative is not just about convenience—it's about accelerating the state's transition to clean energy, promoting sustainable tourism, and building a truly green transport ecosystem for the future," he said.

To cater to travelers, Bescom is also installing EV charging stations at tourist places and temples.

At 5,960, Karnataka has the highest number of EV charging stations in the country. However, of this, 4,656 have been installed by private firms. DH FILE PHOTO FOR REPRESENTATION

Some state highways (SH) where charging stations will be set up

- SH 21 (Halebid-Anechukur)
- SH 76 (Birur- Davanagere)
- SH 57 (Bagalkot- Biligiri Rangana Betta)
- SH 1 (Padubidri-Chikalgud)
- SH 62 (Haveri-Sagar)
- SH 31 (Jath-Jamboti)
- SH 34 (Aurad-Sadashivagad)
- SH 10 (Sarasamba-Ribbonpalli)
- SH 40 (Mylara-Thoranagallu)
- SH 49 (Sandur to Sirguppa)

"This way, we will be able to close the loop. Bengaluru already has a large number of EV stations and with EV stations in highways and tourist spots, EV users can plan trips without worrying about the infrastructure," a senior Bescom official said.

Under the PM-E Drive initiative, the Government of Karnataka is establishing EV charging stations at major tourist destinations across the state. The stations are being installed at Mayura Hotels operated by the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), Jungle Lodges and Resorts, and prominent temples managed by the Muzrai Department.

Earlier, the Bescom had also planned to set up EV charging stations at 10 toll plazas on the Bengaluru-Pune highway and the proposal is now in the final stages, officials said.

"We are working closely with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the proposal will soon be approved," Shivashankar said.

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Students in govt PU colleges to get lessons in life skills

Move aimed at guiding students through the confusing adolescent years

RASHMI BELUR
BENGALURU, DHNS

In a bid to help pre-university students cope with the confusion that marks the adolescent years, the Department of Pre-University Education has decided to include 'Life Skills' lessons for PU students at all the 1,299 state-run colleges starting next academic year.

Incidentally, the decision comes not long after the Department of School Education and Literacy announced its intention to include 'value education' as part of the curriculum for students from classes one to ten. The Department of PU Education is currently framing the syllabus for 'Life Skills'. Given that nearly half of the current academic year has elapsed, it was decided to introduce these classes from 2026-27.

An official in the PU Education Department stressed the need to offer guidance to pre-university students. "They are at a very confusing age, and also have many aspirations. They need guidance to decide what is right and what is not. Furthermore, there has been a disturbing rise in incidence of suicide over trivial issues. There is a growing need for value-based moral education that equips students with skills needed to negotiate all kinds of situations in life. We decided on including 'Life Skills' lessons in the PU curriculum after holding discussions with psychologists and education experts," said the official.

The 3.38 lakh students at the 1,299 government PU colleges in the state will be taught 'Life Skills' lessons for only one or two hours in a week, to ensure these classes do not become an additional burden. The PU Education Department is planning on appointing counsellors and subject experts to take these classes.

What will they learn?

- **Self-Awareness:** Enabling students to identify their strengths and capabilities
- **Communication:** Making students aware of the importance of effective communication in today's world
- **Critical Thinking:** Enabling students to think through their problems to arrive at solutions rather than feeling fear
- **Appropriate Decision-Making Skills:** Students will be taught how to evaluate available options and make the right choice
- Guiding students through the many issues they face during adolescence

K'taka being controlled by two mediocre sons: Lahar Singh

BENGALURU, DHNS: Rajya Sabha BJP member Lahar Singh Siroya on Monday lashed out at Minister Priyank Kharge and MLC Dr Yathindra, dubbing them "two mediocre sons" controlling the state.

"Karnataka is today sadly being controlled by two mediocre sons. They speak out of turn. They stoke needless controversy. They violate their own high command's guidelines. They are both arrogant & ride roughshod over all seniors in party and government, yet they are tolerated," Siroya said in a statement, naming Priyank & Yathindra.

"From my many political interactions, I have learnt that the two sons are intensely disliked by own partymen. They are being tolerated because their fathers are in power. The moment their fathers step down, I am told, the reality for these two sons may become very different. If one son now acts like super Congress President, the other acts like super chief minister," he said.

By attacking RSS & BJP, Siroya said, Priyank "indirectly earns brownie points for Kharge Senior" and "helps him survive in Delhi".

"Kharge Junior is deployed to keep a check on Siddaramaiah government's ideological loyalty & policy decisions. Yathindra's agenda is far more simple. He has been used to undercut (DCM) D K Shivakumar. His job is to ensure his father's chair isn't taken away. So, he keeps making his father 'indispensable' to survival of Congress," he said.

Govt to halt 'Nali Kali' programme at schools

It was found to have an 'adverse impact' on students' learning

BENGALURU, DHNS

A classroom in a school designed for 'Nali-Kali' programme. DH FILE PHOTO

The state government has decided to bring down the curtains on the 'Nali Kali' initiative, once touted as a transformative programme aimed at engaging children in classes one to three through activity-based learning. The decision was taken after it was learnt that Nali Kali was having a detrimental impact on students' learning.

Rolled out in all government schools in 2009, Nali Kali entailed assembling students from classes one to three in a single room and engaging them in various activities.

Pioneered at Rishi Valley, it was carried out as a pilot project with Unicef's support in H D Kote taluk in Mysuru in 1995. Nali Kali was focussed on transforming learning into a fun-filled activity involving play and group work. Materials for the programme were generally provided by not-for-profit organisations associated with the Department of School Education and Literacy.

"Classrooms used for the Nali Kali programme will be converted into single classrooms in a phased manner. In the first phase, the programme will be halted at 29,000 schools, including those where education is offered in a bilingual medium," said an official from the School Education Department.

The Nali Kali mode of learning has left the children struggling to string a complete sentence together. "Consequently, this is impacting their learning as they advance to higher grades," the official added. An official order confirming the suspension of the programme from the 2026-27 academic year will be issued soon, official sources told *DH*.

Citing findings from the report on Performing Grading Index published by the Centre, another official said, "Learning outcomes have not improved among our students. How can we expect to see any improvement when we do not have a proper teaching method?"

Then Additional Chief Secretary of the School Education Department Ajay Seth had tried to revamp Nali Kali in 2017, and had conferred with NGOs associated with the initiative. He had opined that scribbling on walls was not the same as writing on books.

A task force constituted for implementing the National Education Policy-2020 too recommended reviewing the Nali Kali programme.

Furthermore, the Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association had also petitioned the Chief Secretary to discontinue Nali Kali. Association president Chandrashekhar Nugli said that, besides impacting learning, Nali Kali was responsible for the dip in enrolment at government schools since parents were not in favour of students from classes one to three being taught together.

Calling Nali Kali an unscientific teaching method, he said that one was unlikely to see such methods being adopted at private schools.

"Students of classes one to three at government schools are lagging their private school counterparts in learning. We welcome the government's decision to discontinue Nali Kali," Nugli added.

DKS announces site for Bihar Samaj, seeks their votes

BENGALURU, DHNS

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar has said that the government will allot a site for the Bihar Association even as he appealed to the diaspora to vote for the INDI Alliance in the two-phased election in that state.

The Opposition BJP here frowned upon Shivakumar's promise, calling it "a cheap promise" for votes.

"It would not have been possible to build buildings in Bengaluru without you. You are hard workers. You work with diligence. We have decided to allocate a site for Bihar Association in Karnataka. We have never discriminated against you as outsiders. We made arrangements to send you home in buses during Covid when fares shot up," Shivakumar said, addressing members of the Bihar Association.

"All of you have said that I deserve a bigger post. That's not important for me. I'd be happier if you all vote for the Mahagathbandhan in Bihar," Shivakumar said, adding that the government would facilitate a 3-day holiday for Biharis to visit their state for voting. "We will direct CREDAI, contractors and other organisations to declare a 3-day holiday so that you all can go to Bihar to vote," he said.

BJP MLC C T Ravi slammed Shivakumar. "It's not wrong to provide a site for the Bihar Association in the state. But to dangle a promise for the sake of elections is pettiness," he said.

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar speaks at a meeting of Karnataka Bihar Samaja, in Bengaluru.

BYV to join sugarcane growers' protest in Belagavi

▸ **BENGALURU, DHNS:** BJP state president B Y Vijayendra said on Monday that he would travel to Belagavi on Tuesday to take part in protests by sugarcane growers.

He told reporters: "Sugarcane growers in Belagavi, Bagalkot, Vijayapura and Uttara Kannada have been protesting for a few days, but the government and ministers have not bothered to fulfil their demands.'"

He also participated in a meeting organised by ST morcha of the BJP, where he noted that PM Modi had announced on celebrating tribal leader Birsa Munda's birth anniversary on Nov 15 in recognition of tribals' freedom movement.

Elephant that trampled 2 farmers to death captured

SRINGERI (CHIKKAMAGALURU DISTRICT), DHNS

A 40-year-old male tusker which had trampled two farmers to death at Kerekatte in the taluk was tracked and tranquilised on Sunday evening.

The jumbo, weighing nearly five tonnes, was successfully captured by the forest department after a two-day intensive operation in Kudremukh national park and shifted to the Doddaharve elephant camp in the night, for treatment and observation.

Kudremukh wildlife division deputy conservator of forests Shivram Babu told *DH* that around 150 forest personnel were involved in the operation.

The operation was carried out with the assistance of five trained elephants Prashanth, Dhananjaya, Ayajaya, Harsha and Ekalavya from Dubare and Harangi elephant camps.

The team included veterinarian Dr Mujeeb from Dubare and Akram, an expert in firing tranquilizer darts from Doddaharve camp.

"We darted the animal at around 4.30 pm on Sunday. Due to its massive size, it took considerable time to bring it safely out of the wild," the DCF said.

The operation was led by officers from Mangaluru forest circle and Kudremukh wildlife division, with support of teams from Sakrebail, Dubare and Nagarahole camps. Drones were used to track the elephant's movement in the hilly region.

The tranquilized 40-year-old male tusker, which had trampled two farmers to death, being shifted to Doddaharve camp by forest staff on Sunday night. DH PHOTO

The pachyderm had trampled to death farmers Harish Shetty (44) and Umesh (48) near Keregadde in Kerekatte, prompting residents to stage protests demanding swift action and compensation.

Following this, senior forest officers camped in Kudremukh to lead the operation.

Sringeri MLA T D Rajegowda said the government spent no less than Rs 50 lakh to capture a wild elephant.

Over seven persons had lost their lives due to conflict with elephants in Sringeri constituency in recent times.

As many as five elephants had been captured, he added. Forest staff said the elephant would be shifted to Dubare camp later.

"Senior officials will decide on its release back into the forest," sources said.

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I, **Basavaraju M,** residing at No. 67, 2nd Stage, Ramachandrapura, VTC: Bengaluru North, PO: Vidhyaranyapura, Sub Dist: Bengaluru- 560097, have changed my name & gender from Male to Female to **VACHANA SAARA M** vide affidavit dated 3-11-2025 sworn before Notary Sumithra N, Bengaluru. Henceforth, I shall be know as **VACHANA SAARA M** only.

I, SHWETA Bhimrao Chawhan W/o Mr. Renjith Ramakrishna Achari, R/at No.44, "Krishna Villa", 2 nd Main Road, Vidhyaranyapura, Subbanna Layout,Bangalore 560097 have changed my name to SHWETA RENJITH ACHARIfor all practical purposes vide affidavit dt. 28-10-2025 sworn before Notary H.Sridhar Rao, Bangalore. . .

I, VAISHALI BHASKAR VARMA, Spouse of Cuddapah Bhaskar Varma, residing at OMQ 379. Officers Mess, Station House, Air Force Station, Jalahalli_East, Bangalore- 560014, have changed my name from Vaishali Bhaskar Varma to VAISHALI VARMA, vide affidavit dated 13/10/2025 before Notary H.Prakasha, Bengaluru

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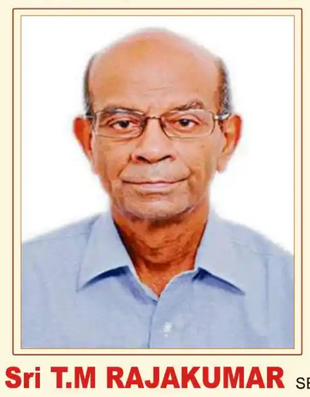

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God gave me life but took all my happiness: Sole survivor of AI crash

British citizen had walked away from plane wreckage

LONDON, AGENCIES

The only survivor of June's Air India crash has told UK media of the mental and physical anguish he has endured since surviving the deadly disaster in Ahmedabad.

Vishwash Kumar Ramesh said in interviews aired and published on Monday that the months following the crash, which killed 241 passengers on the London-bound plane and another 19 people on the ground, were "very difficult".

The British citizen walked away from the plane wreckage in what he has called "a miracle", but lost his brother.

"God gave me life but took all my happiness, and from my family," the 39-year-old told a news agency. "It completely brought down my family... It's very difficult for me and my family."

He added that his brother, Ajay, "was my strength" and "my everything".

Ramesh was seated in seat 11A when the London Gatwick airport-bound Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crashed near the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport in Ahmedabad soon after take-off. It caused the death of all other passengers and crew on board, as well as 19 on-ground fatalities after hitting the hostel block of the city's BJ Medical College.

A preliminary report into the crash published by India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) in July found that fuel supply to the engines was cut off just seconds after take-off.

In the interviews, Ramesh was reluctant to talk about the crash, saying it was still "very painful". "I get flashbacks all the time. I just stay awake, I sleep maybe three to four hours," he said.

The father of a four-year-old boy who relies on his wife to get around the house spends most days in his room.

Ramesh said he suffers pain in his leg, shoulder, knee and back, and has not been able to work or drive since the tragedy. "When I walk, not walk properly, slowly, slowly, with my wife's help," he added.

His advisers told the British broadcaster he was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) while he was being treated in hospital in India, but that he has not received any medical treatment since being back in the UK.

He also appealed for a welfare package for day-to-day support as he continues to struggle with the physical and mental trauma of the tragedy.

Air India said it remains "deeply conscious" of its responsibility towards Ramesh and has been supporting the family through the "unimaginable period", with over 95% of those impacted by the tragedy now having received interim payments pending the conclusion of the crash investigation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi (L) meets Vishwash Kumar Ramesh, sole survivor of the Air India flight 171 crash, at a hospital in Ahmedabad. AFP FILE PHOTO

VISHWASH KUMAR RAMESH
Lone survivor of Air India crash in June

"God gave me life but took all my happiness, and from my family. It completely brought down my family... It's very difficult for me and my family. My brother, Ajay, was my strength and my everything.

VIT-AP hosts 5th convocation

Justice N V Ramana, former Chief Justice of India, addresses the 5th convocation of VIT-AP

Vellore Institute of Technology, Andhra Pradesh University, hosted its 5th convocation recently. The event marked a significant milestone in the academic journey of the graduating students.

Justice N V Ramana, former Chief Justice of India, was the chief guest and Rajeev Verma, Senior Director, Samsung Electronics, Bengaluru, was the guest of honour. VIT's founder and chancellor Dr G Viswanathan, vice presidents Sankar Viswanathan and Dr G V Selvam, vice chancellor Dr S V Kota Reddy, registrar Dr Jagadish Chandra Mudiganti, dean – academics Dr N Madhusudhan Rao, deputy director - student welfare Dr Khadeer Pasha, along with deans of various schools, faculty members and staff, and parents of graduating students, attended.

At the convocation, 3,117 graduates from the Class of 2025 received degrees.

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19 killed as tipper collides with Telangana RTC bus

Telangana accident, from Page 1

The bus was struck with a tremendous force when the tipper, coming from the opposite direction, veered sharply to the right while overtaking vehicles at high speed. The collision resulted in the tipper's heavy load toppling over the bus, trapping many passengers beneath.

Both drivers and 17 bus passengers died on the spot, while several others sustained serious injuries.

Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha said that 24 people were receiving treatment at various hospitals, with five in critical condition.

Cyberabad Police Commissioner Avinash Mohanty confirmed that the collision occurred due to the reckless driving of the lorry driver.

Eyewitnesses recounted that the lorry, heavily loaded with gravel, was overtaking multiple vehicles before it suddenly lost control and rammed directly into the RTC bus.

Bus conductor K Radha, 45, undergoing treatment at a hospital, said the events transpired too quickly for anyone to realise what was happening. "The bus we were traveling in was moving slowly. The tipper came speeding toward us. Noticing this, our driver steered the bus off the road. Still, the tipper crashed into us. Just near Chittempalli, I had given a ticket to a passenger. We had just sat down, and then the accident happened. It all happened so fast that nobody even realised what was going on." She added that several police personnel had boarded the bus to go to the city. Along with passengers, employees and students were also traveling.

Based on Radha's complaint, Chevella police have registered a case against the tipper driver Akash Kambli, 24, under Section 106(1) of the BNS.

Among the dead was bus driver Dastagiri.

The bus was so damaged that every part, especially the entire front section, was totally mangled and twisted. Gravel could be seen scattered throughout the bus.

For lorry drivers like Akash Kambli, it is a usual route to transport gravel from the crusher units in Lakkadaram to Manneguda in Vikarabad, where gravel is sold in a wholesale market.

"Akash has been doing labor work before joining as a driver. He has been driving a tipper for a long time and is an expert at it," his brother told *DH*.

Centre's nod to divert forest for B'luru suburban rail depot

Forest, from Page 1

Among them, 11,185 were acacia and 6,188 were eucalyptus followed by 100 bamboos. The remaining 142 trees belonged to 12 species.

A K-RIDE official said the approval would give a shot in the arm for the project. "Corridor 1 connects the airport (from Doddajala) and is a priority corridor. We estimate that it will take two years to commission the depot. Once the work is awarded, it will automatically boost other works. We are in the process of inviting bids for the second time to construct the KSR Bengaluru-Yelahanka corridor as the bidder in the first round had a technical problem," the official explained.

Meanwhile, the committee pointed out that the area proposed for compensatory plantation work had already seen afforestation as observed through satellite imagery. The forest department, however, stated that certain activities had been taken up under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme 10 years ago but the area was suitable for plantation.

Cong should keep its word on making me minister: Indi MLA

VIJAYAPURA, DHNS: Indi MLA Yashvantharayagouda Patil said on Monday that the Congress high command had assured him a Cabinet berth and that he's asking the party leadership to deliver on that promise.

Yashvantharayagouda Patil

"During a meeting with party leaders Randeep Singh Surjewala, CM Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM D K Shivakumar and senior leader Mohan, I was assured of a Cabinet berth. The party leadership further assured me at a Delhi meeting of ministerial berth. No legislator from Indi constituency was made minister. Hence, in the interest of the constituency, I should be made minister," the three-time MLA told reporters here.

"The state government was willing to appoint me as chief of a board or corporation, but I have rejected the offer. When the Cabinet reshuffle takes place, the party leadership should ensure justice to the Indi constituency," he said.

Rs 51 cr vs Rs 125 cr: Progressive...

BCCI, from Page 1

The men's contingent, which consisted of 42 members, was awarded Rs 125 crore, more than double the amount that women would receive now.

Having proudly professed equality, and implemented it in several areas, this disparity in reward somewhat undermines the Board's progressive image.

Agreed, men's cricket generates significantly more revenue and has a more demanding schedule. But so is men's tennis compared to women's.

But, that hasn't stopped organisers of the four Grand Slams, the sport's most prestigious tournaments, from awarding equal prize money for both genders.

Rs 3k cr extorted in digital arrest cases: SC

Digital arrest, from Page 1

Justice Kant said that the CBI has pointed out that crime syndicates were being operated from offshore locations where they have "scam compounds" having financial, technical and human pillars.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and the CBI, said the Ministry of Home Affairs's cybercrime division is dealing with these issues.

The apex court has taken cognisance of a letter written by an elderly woman from Haryana's Ambala to Chief Justice of India BR Gavai complaining that she and her husband were put under the so-called "digital arrest" on the basis of forged orders of the court and probe agencies by fraudsters, who extorted Rs 1.05 crore from them in September.

The woman said the court orders were shown through multiple audio and video calls by people impersonating as CBI, ED and judicial officers to arrest them.

On October 27, the top court said it is inclined to entrust the CBI with the probe into digital arrest cases after taking into consideration the magnitude and pan-India spread of such crimes.

It had sought details of FIRs registered in different states and Union territories.

The top court had said it would monitor the progress of the CBI investigation.

KSLU to confer honorary doctorate on AP governor

HUBBALLI, DHNS: The Karnataka State Law University (KSLU) will confer honorary doctorates on Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer and senior advocate V Sudhish Pai, at its seventh convocation to be held in Dharwad on November 5.

Supreme Court former judge and Karnataka State Border and River Protection Committee chairman Justice Shivaraj V Patil will deliver the convocation address. Law Minister H K Patil will be the guest of honour, and Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot will preside. The convocation will be held at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra of the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) in Dharwad. KSLU Vice-Chancellor C Basavaraju told reporters in Hubballi on Monday that degrees would be presented to 7,716 students including 2,223 students in person, at the convocation for 2022-23 and 2023-24.

A total of 28 gold medals, 29 cash prizes, seven scholarships, two PhDs, and 150 rank certificates would also be presented to eligible candidates, he added.

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Rainfall occurred at many places over Coastal and North Interior Karnataka and dry weather prevailed over South Interior Karnataka
Forecast Nov 04: Rainfall to occur at some places over the state.

INTERIOR NORTH			
Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	29	17	00
Bidar	29.2	22	00
Vijayapura	29	20	00
Dharwad	29.6	19.9	00
Haveri	28.4	19.4	00
Kalaburagi	30	22.2	01
Raichur	30	22.6	1.8
COASTAL			
Honnavar	31.5	24.3	00
Karwar	31.5	22.2	00
Shirali	NA	NA	NA
Mangaluru	30.8	23.9	00

INTERIOR SOUTH			
Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	27.9	18.8	00
Bengaluru	29.2	19.8	00
Ballari	NA	NA	NA
Chamarajanagar	NA	NA	NA
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	NA
Chitradurga	29.9	19.8	00
Davangere	32.5	19	00
Hassan	33	NA	00
Mysuru	31.8	18	00
Madikeri	NA	NA	NA
Kolar	29.6	19.6	00
OTHER STATIONS			
New Delhi	30.7	17.2	00
Kolkata	28.4	23	00
Mumbai	29	25.1	01
Chennai	34.9	26.6	00
Pune	30.7	21.9	00
Hyderabad	31.4	22.6	18
Th'puram	32.3	23.6	00

Survey: Over 2L GBA households...

Survey, from Page 1

According to data from the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes (KSCBC), 5.62 lakh people more than the DES estimates were enumerated in the 10 districts with over 100% enumeration.

This could possibly mean that a significant share of the 2.28 lakh families who registered from 'natives' could've been from these 10 districts.

According to DES estimates, seven of the 31 districts in the state (Mandya, Tumakuru, Chikkamagaluru, Udupi, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu) had a lesser estimated population in 2025 than the corresponding figures in the 2011 census. Among them, five districts, except for Kodagu and Hassan, recorded over 100% enumeration.

According to sources, the reduced estimated population in some districts could be due to increased migration towards Bengaluru for livelihood opportunities and even matrimonial reasons.

"Migration is one of the aspects we will keep in mind since we had questions based on that. But it's too early to draw conclusions. We will analyse the data next month," KSCBC Chairman Madhusudan R Naik said.

A source in the DES explained that these estimates are derived from the national-level projections by the Technical Group on Population Projection, which estimates Karnataka's population to be 6.85 crore in 2025.

"After taking the state population as 6.85 crore, we first estimated the population in Bengaluru (GBA + non-GBA parts of Bengaluru Urban). This is done by considering an approximate 2.5% annual increase, since the population of the state capital keeps increasing."

The 2025 estimate of Bengaluru population is 1.31 crore — 1.16 crore in GBA + 15.46 lakh in non-GBA parts of Bengaluru Urban.

The source explained that the population was estimated based on the figures from the 1991, 2001 and 2011 census exercises, although "adjustments" were made for Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru South (previously Ramanagara) districts.

"A weighted average of these differences in shares has been computed with weightage of 1 for 2001 to 1991 and 3 for 2011 to 2001," a document by the DES said.

This emphasises that the data from 2001-2011 carries greater significance since it's more recent.

K'taka to invest Rs 600 cr in major deeptech push

Deeptech, from Page 1

Priyank also said that the government is in discussions with leading venture capital firms to create a joint fund of up to Rs 1,000 crore dedicated to deeptech and AI startups in the state.

This announcement comes ahead of the Future Makers Conclave (FMC), which will be the highlight of the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025, to be held from November 18 to 20 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC).

The minister also said the investment commitment is for now and that "we will be investing more for the next couple of years as well". "In addition to that, we are going to ensure that innovation, invention, startups and science progress across the state. We are focusing on building accelerators, incubators, centres of excellence and are encouraging startups," he said.

Kharge also released the official logo of the Future Makers Conclave, which is scheduled for November 20, 2025.

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(only through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Contractors for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore-560009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
1	(South West-1)	BWSSB/EESW-1/ TO/PB/3863/2025-26 Date: 31.10.2025	Rs.6,65,887/-	11.11.2025 upto 4:00 PM	13.11.2025 after 3:00 PM
			Rs.16,700/-		
2			Rs.10,12,550/-		
			Rs.25,400/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South West-1)

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the abovesigned office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/3555/SSC/2025-26

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Tender Notification
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 17.11.2025 up to 4 PM

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Construction of Laboratories, Placement office room, libraries, toilet and other works for Government Polytechnic College at Karatagi in Koppal District under SDP 2022-23 Scheme. **Work Indent No:** No.KHB/2023-24/BW/work_indent 130/Call-2 & IFT No.115/2023-24 Date: 31.10.2025. **Amount put to tender:** Rs.75,24,627/-/-

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/3565/AKAR/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-3,
1st Floor, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560 052.

No. DGM-3/BSWML/Tend/14/2025-26 Date: 03-11-2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK KPP Portal)
website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only

The Deputy General Manager-3, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible tenderers for the consultancy services for the works mentioned in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimate amount of works (Rs. In Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in ₹.)	Duration
1.	Preparation of detailed project report for the work of Establishment of Transfer stations for C&D waste in 7 locations of BBMP Limits.	2800.00	56,000/-	02 Months

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date to upload pre-bid queries: **10.11.2025 upto 5.30 p.m.** in KPP Portal. **(2)** Pre bid meeting: **11.11.2025 at 3.00 p.m.** at the office of CE & CGM (Tech), BSWML. Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore. **(3)** Last date for submission of the bids: **14.11.2025 upto 4.00 p.m. (4)** Date of opening of Technical bid on : **15.11.2025 at 4.30 p.m. (5)** Date of opening of Financial bids to be notified to technically qualified bidders.

Note: Any corrigendum/ addendunm will be published in the KPP portal only.

DIPR/CP/RO3566/AAPL/2025-26 **Sd/- Deputy General Manager-3, BSWML**

Government of Karnataka
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Superintendent of Police,
D.K District, Mangalore
(E-mail ID:- ssestmaq@ksp.gov.in & storesmaq@ksp.gov.in)

NO: STS/105 (3) DK/2025-26 Date: 03-11-2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

The tender is invited in "Two Cover System" as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 and Rules, 2000 through e-Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** for supply of Traffic and Road Safety Equipments for D.K District Police Unit.

Description of Tender: (1) Last Date for Tender Queries and Clarification: **07-11-2025 upto 11.00 Hrs** (2) Pre– Bid Meeting: **11-11-2025 upto 11.00 Hrs** (3) Last Date and time for submission of tender: **17-11-2025 at 17.00 Hrs** (4) Date and Time opening of Technical Bid: **19-11-2025 at 11.00 Hrs** (5) Date and Time opening of Financial Bid: **21-11-2025 at 11.00 Hrs.** Office of the Superintendent of Police invites the bid in Mangaluru for the work as mentioned below.

Sl No	Detailes of Items	Budget
1	Body Worn Cameras Along With Docking Station	23,23,045-00
2	Alcometer Inbuilt Printer	7,21,000-00
3	Digital Sign Boards	26,15,400-00

In order to participate in e-Procurement platform all the intended tenderers have to register in the e-Procurement portal. The Tenderers who participate can take assistance with e- Procurement helpdesk at **080-23010900, 23010901** in order to participate in the e-Procurement tender. It is mandatory for tenderers to register in e-Procurement platform.

Please visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and for any further clarification or information, the tenderer may contact. The Superintendent of Police, Dakshina Kannada District **Contact No. 09480805301 and Telephone No.0824-2220503.**

DIPR/DK/KSMCA/1026/25-26 Dt.03.11.25

Sd/- Superintendent of Police D.K District, Mangaluru

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Telangana bus crash leaves a trail of grief: Three sisters among dead

Delayed train leads to fatal detour for some passengers

S N V SUDHIR
CHEVELLA (RANGA REDDY), DHNS

The Chevella bus tragedy has cast a deep shadow over Vaddera Galli of Telangana's Vikarabad district, where three young sisters — home for their elder sister's wedding — were among those killed.

Their father Ellayya Goud had accompanied them to board a morning train to Hyderabad, where they were pursuing their studies. When the train was delayed, he took them to the Tandur bus stand and put them on the ill-fated RTC bus.

Days earlier, on October 17, the family had celebrated the wedding of their eldest daughter.

Family shattered

The second daughter, Tanusha, was pursuing an MBA; the third, Saipriya, was in her final year at Koti Women's College; and the youngest, Nandini, had just begun her first year of college.

Their mother remained inconsolable, unable to accept that the daughters she had hoped to welcome home again would never return.

"I feared they might be late reaching Hyderabad if they waited for the delayed train, so I took them to the bus stand," said Goud, who works at a private travel company.

The three sisters – Nandini, Saipriya and Tanusha – were killed in the accident.

Among the other victims were a young mother and her 10-month-old baby. The bus-truck collision also claimed the lives of Lakshmi and Bandeppa, a couple from Hajipur in Tandur mandal.

When their two daughters learned that their parents, who had gone to the hospital, would never return, their cries broke the hearts of onlookers at the Chevella Government Hospital.

The hospital premises echoed with the wails of grieving relatives, some mourning their parents, others their children.

Boy mourns father

A boy who survived the crash recounted the terrifying moments. He lost his father in the tragedy while they were travelling from Tandur to the ENT Hospital in Hyderabad for treatment of his ear pain. After missing the train, they boarded the RTC bus and left at 4.30 am.

He recalled the aftermath of the high-speed collision — bodies scattered across the road. An infant, who had been cradled safely in the mother's lap, lost its life in her arms.

Road-widening at fatal stretch pending for years

CHEVELLA (TELANGANA), DHNS: The widening of National Highway (NH)-163 between Moinabad in the Ranga Reddy district and Manneguda in the Vikarabad district in Telangana — where a mishap claimed 19 lives on Monday — has been pending for years due to cases filed by environmentalists before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) against felling around 900 banyan trees along the route.

The NGT only recently cleared the project with minor design alterations. The road where the mishap occurred remains a single-lane highway.

In November 2021, the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways sanctioned the expansion of a 46-km stretch of the Hyderabad–Vikarabad–Karnataka NH (NH-163) into a four-lane road between Hyderabad Outer Ring Road and Manneguda. The project remained stalled for several years.

NH-163

The busy interstate NH-163, originating at Bhoopalapatnam in Chhattisgarh, runs through Warangal, Hyderabad, Moinabad, Chevella, Manneguda, and Kodangal before terminating at Ravulapalli on the Telangana-Karnataka border.

A tender notification was issued on September 9, 2021, inviting expressions of interest from contractors under the Design, Build, Operate, and Transfer (DBOT) model. However, the move triggered protests from environmentalists and nature enthusiasts, who formed the "Save Banyans of Chevella" group to protect more than 9,000 trees, including hundreds of century-old banyans, from the expansion.

They petitioned the NGT to halt the project and direct the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to explore alternate routes.

The NHAI maintained that the expansion was crucial, given that the Hyderabad–Manneguda stretch was highly accident-prone due to dense vehicular traffic.

'Garg's death a murder': Assam CM says charges to be filed by Dec

GUWAHATI, DHNS: In the midst of ongoing protests seeking justice for Zubeen Garg, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma declared on Monday that the legendary singer was killed and that the case's chargesheets are likely to be presented in court on December 8.

"Today, I will not refer to Zubeen Garg's death as a mishap. We are required to file the chargesheet in Zubeen Garg's murder before December 17. I have given the target to submit it by December 8. We are ready from all sides," Sarma told reporters in Guwahati.

He said that on Sunday, he apprised Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi about the status of the case and requested the MHA to give clearance for submitting the chargesheet pertaining to the case.

"If something happens abroad, before submitting the chargesheet, we require permission from the MHA. Yesterday, I apprised the home minister as well so that we get the approval quickly. In the next three or four days, the SIT will write to the MHA seeking approval. Once we get the approval, we will file the chargesheet on December 8, 9 or 10," Sarma said.

DMK goes to SC against SIR in Tamil Nadu

E T B SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI, DHNS

The DMK on Monday challenged the Election Commission's October 27 notification announcing a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu, calling the exercise "unconstitutional, arbitrary and a threat to democratic rights".

DMK's organising secretary RS Bharathi moved the Supreme Court, after a multi-party meeting on Sunday decided to pursue legal recourse, accusing the EC of ignoring concerns.

The DMK has maintained that the SIR in November-December during the Northeast monsoon season would only disenfranchise people, as many won't be able to participate in the exercise.

In the petition, the DMK termed the EC notification as violative of Articles 14, 19 and 21 (right to equality, freedom of speech and right to life) and other provisions of the Constitution and the Representation of People Act and the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

The plea is likely to come up for hearing this week. The SIR will begin across Tamil Nadu on Tuesday.

The petition argued that SIR orders will arbitrarily, unjustifiably and illegally disenfranchise lakhs of citizens from electing their representatives, thereby disrupting free and fair elections.

The party also argued that the SIR is a clear case of constitutional overreach as Article 324, while vesting the EC with superintendence and control over elections, operates only in fields unoccupied by legislation.

"The preparation and revision of electoral rolls are governed by the RP Act and the 1960 Rules. By mandating an unprecedented de novo verification of voters based on an arbitrary 2002/2005 cut-off date, the Respondent has acted in violation of the statutory framework."

It said a Special Summary Revision was held in TN between Oct 2024 and Jan 6, 2025, which addressed migration, death and deletion of ineligible voters.

Second phase of SIR exercise begins today

Mamata to lead protest, TN govt to challenge it in court

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The house-to-house enumeration of the second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls will start on Tuesday, amid West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee leading a protest against the exercise and Tamil Nadu's decision to challenge it in court.

The 12 states and Union Territories where the second round of SIR will be conducted are the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

The SIR in these states and UTs, which has around 51 crore voters, will conclude on February 7 next year with the publication of the final electoral roll. The EC conducted the first phase of SIR in Bihar between June and September this year, where the final list had around 7.42 crore voters, down from 7.89 crore from the previous count.

While Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry will go to polls in April-May next year, the EC has not included Assam, which is also election-bound, as citizenship provisions for it are different.

Trinamool Congress has already upped the ante over SIR with Mamata all set to join a protest in Bengal on Tuesday against SIR. A multi-party meeting called in Chennai by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin had decided to challenge the SIR in the Supreme Court.

ROLL REVISION

- Exercise to be conducted in 12 states, Union Territories.
- House-to-house enumeration will continue till December 4
- Only those who cannot be linked with the previous SIR need to provide documents
- People can file claims and objections on the draft roll till January 8, 2026.

This round of SIR is the ninth such exercise since independence, with the last one conducted in 2002-04.

The house-to-house enumeration, which starts on Tuesday, will continue till December 4 and the EC will release the draft electoral rolls on December 9. People can file claims and objections on the draft roll till January 8 next year.

In a change from the Bihar exercise, no document is needed to be filed while returning the enumeration form. Those whose names appear in the 2002-04 voters' list in these states need not provide any document. Those voters who are not in this list also need not provide any documents if the names of their parents or close relatives are in the 2002-04 list.

Only those who cannot link their name to the past list need to provide documents. For this, notices will be issued to such voters between December 9 and January 31 next year.

Syro Malabar church flays hoardings banning pastors' entry into Ch'garh

ARJUN RAGHUNATH
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DHNS

The Syro Malabar Church in Kerala has strongly criticised the signs displayed in several villages of Chhattisgarh that ban the entry of pastors and converted Christians.

"This marks the most divisive schism the country has faced since Partition. The recent developments indicate a resurgence of religious intolerance in a secular India," affirmed the leading church in a social media post.

The order of the Chhattisgarh High Court in this regard should be challenged in the Supreme Court, the church urged.

WHAT THE CHURCH SAID

- The most divisive boundary the country has seen since Partition.
- A new chariot march of institutionalised communalism has been set in motion.
- Cautions against countering the issue by aligning with other forms of religious extremism, calls instead for a constitution-based approach to defend secularism and equality.
- The struggle to keep India secular should be carried out only in alliance with the Constitution of India, the Magna Carta of citizens' rights.

The fresh developments may further affect the BJP's efforts to win over Kerala's Christian community. The BJP's attempts to gain support among Christian voters had already been hampered by the arrest of Malayali nuns Preethi Mary and Vandana Francis in Chhattisgarh in July and the assault by Bajrang Dal supporters.

The boards banning the entry of pastors and converted Christians were placed under the banner 'Hamari parampara hamari virasat' (Our tradition, our heritage) in eight villages. Some residents of Kanker and Bastar districts moved court against it.

The HC however, observed that the hoardings appeared to have been installed by the respective gram sabhas as a precautionary measure to prevent alleged forced religious conversions through "allurement or fraudulent means." The state government had also maintained that the hoardings were intended to safeguard the local cultural heritage and identity of tribal communities.

The Syro Malabar church called for resistance against such "Hindutva invasion," but cautioned against countering the issue by aligning with other forms of "religious extremism".

Notice to EC on plea for parties to publish rules on websites

NEW DELHI, PTI: The Supreme Court said on Monday it will issue certain directions following a plea urging the Election Commission to ensure that every political party publishes its memorandum, rules, and regulations on its website.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant, Ujjal Bhuyan and Joymalya Bagchi, which issued notice to the Centre and the Election Commission (EC) on an application filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, said, "Unless there are very strong impediments, we would like to issue certain directions".

The top court also told Additional Solicitor General KM Nataraj, appearing for the Centre, that the petition has some "meaningful prayers" and asked him to seek instructions from the EC on the issues raised in the plea.

The interlocutory application filed by Upadhyay on his pending PIL sought direction to the poll panel to ensure that every political party publishes its memorandum, rules, and regulations on the home page of its official website.

GOVERNANCE N' ROSES

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah receives flowers as he arrives on the resumption of the biannual 'Darbar Move' after a gap of four years, in Jammu, on Monday. The 'Darbar Move' involves shifting the J&K government's offices between Srinagar and Jammu with the changing seasons. PTI

Air India flight diverted to Mongolia over tech issue

MUMBAI, DHNS: An Air India flight, operating from San Francisco to Delhi via Kolkata, had to be diverted to Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, due to a technical snag.

Air India said the aircraft landed safely at Ulaanbaatar

"AI174 of November 2, operating from San Francisco to Delhi via Kolkata, made a precautionary landing at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, after the flight crew suspected a technical issue en route. The aircraft landed safely at Ulaanbaatar and is undergoing the necessary checks," an Air India spokesperson said.

"We are working closely with our partners to support all passengers while we make efforts to get everyone on their way to the destination at the earliest opportunity. At Air India, the safety of passengers and crew remains top priority," the spokesperson added.

Soon, air travellers can cancel tickets without additional charges

NEW DELHI, PTI: Air passengers may soon be allowed to cancel or amend their tickets without additional charges within 48 hours of booking, with aviation watchdog DGCA proposing significant changes in the ticket refund norms.

Besides, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has proposed that in case of purchase of a ticket through a travel agent/portal, the "onus of refund shall lie with the airlines as agents are their appointed representatives".

The airlines shall ensure that the refund process is completed within 21 working days, the regulator said as it mooted changes in the Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) pertaining to the refund of air tickets.

The proposed changes also come against the backdrop of concerns and issues related to air ticket refunds. An "airline shall not levy any additional charge for correction in the name of the same person when the error is pointed out by the passenger within 24 hours of making the booking, when ticket is booked directly through airline's website," as per the draft CAR.

According to the DGCA, an airline shall provide a 'Look-in option' for a period of 48 hours after booking a ticket.

"During this period, passengers can cancel or amend the ticket without any additional charges, except for the normal prevailing fare for the revised flight for which the ticket is sought to be amended," it said.

Further, it said this facility will not be available for a flight whose departure is less than 5 days for domestic flights and 15 days for international flights from the booking date when the ticket is booked directly through airline's website. Another proposal is that airlines may refund the tickets or provide a credit shell in case of ticket cancellations by the passenger arising due to a medical emergency.

Govt supports high-risk and high-impact R&D projects: PM

NEW DELHI, DHNS: To spur private sector investment in research and development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched a Rs 1 lakh crore fund and announced that his government was now supporting high-risk and high-impact projects, as India aims to emerge as a science and technology powerhouse.

Narendra Modi

Inaugurating the first-ever Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC), the annual flagship event involving policymakers, innovators, and global visionaries, Modi said his government has introduced significant reforms for a modern ecosystem of innovation to flourish in the country.

"In this time of the 21st century, there is a great need for experts from all over the world to come together to brainstorm on emerging science, technology and innovation, and together they should show the direction," said Modi. He also launched the Rs 1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund to spur private sector investment in the domain.

India spends 0.6% of its GDP on research and development, which is below the global average. On this share, the private sector accounts for 36% of the investments, as against countries such as China, South Korea, and the US. In these countries, the private sector spending accounts for 75% of the gross expenditure on research and development.

KUNO CALLING

India to bring eight cheetahs from Botswana next month

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India is set to get its third batch of African cheetahs by December, this time from Botswana, said Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav on Monday.

"Eight cheetahs will come from Botswana, where they have been kept in quarantine as per protocol. Our officials returned from there recently, completing the formalities. The animals would be kept at Kuno initially," he said here, without disclosing where they would finally be released.

Since the launch of Project Cheetah in 2022, India first imported eight cheetahs from Namibia followed by 12 animals from South Africa. Out of them 11 have survived so far and the current lot of 27 cheetahs include 16 born in India. As many as 15 cheetahs in Kuno are free-ranging.

Yadav said one cheetah born in India has reached adulthood and another would reach that stage in the next 3-4 months. When they reproduce, they will create the first cheetah born in India from a mother also born in India. This, according to the minister, is a conservation success.

Cheetahs at Kuno National Park.

One of the two is Mukhi, a female cub born to Namibian cheetah Jwala, who gave birth to four cubs, of which three died due to extreme heat. The fourth one, Mukhi, survived.

Authorities have identified three more cheetah release sites, Gandhisagar and Nauradehi wildlife sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh and Banni grasslands in Gujarat, as it aims to continue with a mix of trans-continental relocation of cheetahs and an organic growth in their numbers in India to boost their numbers across a vast territory.

While two cheetahs were released in Gandhisagar in April this year, the officials plan to bring 10-12 cheetahs every year to populate the new sites.

BJP jabs Rahul, Tejashwi with Tharoor's 'nepotism' article

NEW DELHI, DHNS & PTI

Latching on to Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's article on "nepotism and politics", the BJP on Monday said it was aimed at nepo kids Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav.

Tharoor, in a column published over the weekend, discussed how families dominate India's political landscape, arguing that "lineage alone cannot be a substitute for leadership".

In the article, Tharoor said that for decades, one family has towered over Indian politics. He said the influence of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty -- including independent India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, prime ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, and current Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi and MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra -- is bound up with the history of India's struggle for freedom.

Shashi Tharoor

"But it has also cemented the idea that political leadership can be a birthright. This idea has penetrated Indian politics across every party, in every region, and at every level," Tharoor said.

He wrote that voters today were "more discerning", and that "inherited privilege no longer guarantees political success".

The BJP seized on the remarks to target the Congress and the RJD, especially ahead of the Bihar Assembly elections. "Tharoor has merely stated what the country already knows: Parties like the Congress and the RJD are built on dynasty, not democracy," said BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla.

"His words are an indirect reminder that the so-called youth icons of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav, owe their careers not to merit but to family names."

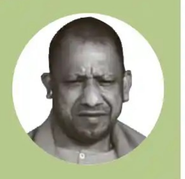
Poonawalla added that Tharoor's analysis "unintentionally exposes the hypocrisy" of the Congress, which often accuses the BJP of centralising power.

"The BJP is a cadre-based party where even a booth worker can rise to the top. In contrast, the Congress promotes only the family," he said.

Tharoor has not responded to the BJP's remarks so far.

COUNTER

"Mahatma Gandhi's three monkeys saw, heard and spoke no evil. But now we have three monkeys of the INDI Alliance. The new monkeys are Pappu, who sees no good work done by NDA, Tappu, who cannot hear about it, and Appu, who will not admit to these while speaking.



Yogi Adityanath
Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister

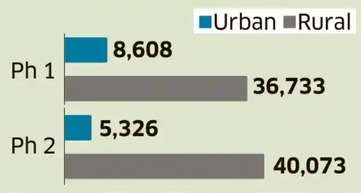
V/S

Instead of talking about development, the prime minister keeps accusing every opposition leader of insulting the country. He should form a new ministry, 'Apamaan Mantralaya', because that's what his government seems most focused on."

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra
Congress leader

BOOTH BREAKDOWN BY PHASE

Polling Stations: **90,740**



Women Managed	926	595
Disabled Managed	107	91
Model Polling Stations	320	316
Webcasting	45,341	45,399

Avg No of Voters per polling station in Ph1: **827**

Avg No of Voters per polling station in Ph2: **815**

Poll diary

EC seizes Rs 108 crore in poll inducements across states

Seizure of illicit inducements during campaigning in Bihar and eight Assembly constituencies across seven states and Union Territories has crossed the Rs 100 crore mark within 28 days since the elections were declared, with liquor topping the list. The Election Commission said illicit inducements valued at Rs 108.19 crore were seized between October 6, the day the polls were announced, and November 3.

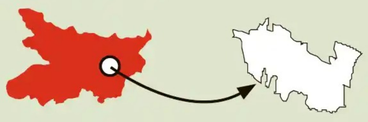
BJD former MP Amar Patnaik joins BJP in Odisha

Former BJD Rajya Sabha member Amar Patnaik on Monday joined the BJP in Odisha in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, the party's Odisha in-charge Vijaypal Singh Tomar, and its Odisha president Manmohan Samal. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspired him. "I joined the BJP to serve the nation. I quit my government job in 2018 and became an MP in 2019. Thus far, I worked for the development of the state, but now the time has come to dedicate myself to nation-building," he said.

Modi, Nitish talk of 'jungle raj' despite years in power: Kharge

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar have been in their posts for 11 and 20 years respectively, still they talk about 'jungle raj' in the state. "...Even after 20 years of running the government in Bihar, how can they talk about 'jungle raj'. This shows that the PM has nothing to say about his works... what he had done for Bihar," he said. At a press conference here, Kharge also questioned the "absence" of Kumar in Modi's roadshow in Patna and poll rallies elsewhere in Bihar, and asserted that the BJP is not going to make him the CM again.

CONSTITUENCY WATCH



RATNESH KUSHWAHA
BJP
2020: Did not contest

SHASHANT SHEKHAR
CONG
2020: Did not contest

Grand alliance fishes for Nishad votes

Mallah mobilisation crucial as Mahagathbandhan makes efforts to tap into Nitish Kumar's vote base

FROM THE GROUND

SATISH JHA
MUZAFFARPUR, DHNS

"Ham tah Nitish-e ji ke vote debai..." (I will vote only for Nitish Kumar), says Sangita Sahani, as her husband grins from a charpoy beside her. He wants change and plans to support Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party. But Sangita remains firm. Under Nitish's leadership, she says, she found not just government benefits but also peace and stability — something she doesn't want disturbed.

Sahani is among the one crore women said to have received Rs 10,000 from the state government under the Jeevika Mission just weeks before the election. She used the money to invest in the kirana shop she runs with her husband.

The Sahani couple hails from Badanpur Milki, a village in Vaishali district located along the Patna-Muzaffarpur highway. At the village entrance stands a toran gate bearing the inscription: 'Nishad Kul Gaurav Eklavya Dwar'.

This is one of the Mallah-dominated villages in the region heading to polls on November 6. With a 2.6% vote share, the Mallah sub-caste holds numerical strength within the Nishad community, whose lives and livelihoods have traditionally revolved around waterbodies. Districts such as Muzaffarpur, Vaishali and Begusarai have some of the highest concentrations of Nishad population.

CASTING THE NET

- Mallah sub-caste holds 2.6% vote share; key part of Nishad community
- Nishads (EBC) make up 4.5% of Bihar's electorate
- Rahul Gandhi swims in Begusarai pond to woo fishing community
- Fisherfolk divided across NDA, I.N.D.I.A bloc and Jan Suraaj
- Women voters seen as loyal to Nitish

With the election being described as a tight contest between the I.N.D.I.A bloc and the NDA, the Nishad community has emerged as a crucial caste group.

Classified as an Extremely Backward Community (EBC), the Hindu Nishads — including the Mallah, Kevat, Bind, Turha and Manjhi sub-castes — account for 4.5% of the vote share, according to the state government's 2022 caste survey.

A group of women from Mallah community said in unison they would be voting for Nitish Kumar. DH PHOTO

Traditionally seen as loyal supporters of Nitish's JD(U), the EBC vote bank is one the grand alliance is keen to tap into. In a strategic move, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav allied with Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) chief Mukesh Sahani, offering him 18 seats as part of the seat-sharing arrangement. He also promised to appoint Sahani as Deputy Chief Minister if the alliance wins.

This arithmetic makes sense when viewed against the 2020 election results, where the margin of victory was a mere 12,000 votes. The NDA returned to power with 37.26% of the vote, while the Mahagathbandhan secured 37.23%.

It is this razor-thin gap that has prompted the grand alliance to woo voters like the Sahanis of Bandanpur Milki into its fold.

On Sunday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi took a plunge into a pond in Begusarai and swam during a campaign with Mukesh Sahani, aiming to connect with the fishing community.

In Telia village of Muzaffarpur district, a group of youngsters from the Mallah community sat playing cards, their political opinions divided. One voiced concern that Tejashwi's return could revive the "rule of criminals", while praising Nitish and the NDA for having "done a lot of work". Another countered that change was necessary.

When asked about the women in their households, they shrugged and said, "These days, women cast their vote independently," a remark that hinted at the chief minister's popularity.

In Muzaffarpur town, near the Dadar bridge over the Burhi Gandak river, the fishermen community appeared similarly split — some backing Nitish, others leaning towards Tejashwi, and a few voicing support for Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party.

BJP aims to rewrite poll script in Left stronghold

From underground to electoral clout, CPI(ML)L is challenging the saffron party's grip

SUMIT PANDE
ARA, DHNS

BATTLE FOR BHOJPUR

- Bhojpur, once a Left extremist hub, now sees CPI(ML)L in electoral play
- NDA takes corrective measures to counter red threat
- Kushwaha-Pawan Singh ceasefire aims to contain damage
- Chirag Paswan's return boosts NDA's poll prospects
- Nitish's job generation scheme for women to help alliance

A piercing miasma of urine and solid waste, generated both by humans and animals, strikes your nostrils at the Ara bus station as you step out of the vehicle. Unbeknownst to the all-pervasive olfactory intrusions, passengers and passersby flock to roadside eateries, doing brisk business, in the midst of a drizzle precipitated by the cyclonic turbulence in the Bay of Bengal.

"Maale (pronounced maa-lay as CPI(ML) Liberation is colloquially called) has a good candidate. Quyamuudin Ansari is a local and readily available," says Pankaj Gupta, handing over a plate of samosas dunked in chickpea-potato curry.

Sounds a little odd, coming from a voter belonging to a traditional trading community in an urban setting, seen as a BJP stronghold. But once you cross the Sone River east of the capital Patna and enter the Bhojpur belt, once the epicentre of Bihar's Left extremist armed struggle, such voices, though few, are not surprising.

BIHAR VOTES

Parliamentary democracy

In the early 80s, a section of the Naxal cadre in Bihar decided to come overground to participate in the parliamentary democracy that led to the formation of the Indian People's Front (IPF). The metamorphosis of an underground armed movement to a political party was complete when Rameshwar Prasad of the IPF won the 1989 LS polls from Bhojpur. The IPF later broadened its base to rechristen itself the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation.

Since its support base among backward, Dalit and other poorer sections overlapped with Mandal parties like the RJD and JD(U), the CPI(ML) Liberation continued to poll votes, but not enough to win seats. It all changed in the 2020 Assembly elections when the Congress, CPI(ML)L and RJD joined hands.

In the Shahpur belt — comprising 22 seats across Bhojpur, Kaimur, Rohtas and Buxar districts, bordering Uttar Pradesh — the alliance won 20 out of 22 seats, with the CPI(ML)L bagging 12 out of the 19 it contested.

NDA strategy

Acutely aware of the lacunae in its strategy, the NDA, especially the BJP, has set out to take corrective measures. It has thrashed out a ceasefire between its ally Upendra Kushwaha and Bhojpuri actor Pawan Singh, who jumped into the fray as an independent in the 2024 LS polls to damage alliance prospects.

The return of Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas) into the fold may also boost the NDA's prospects.

At Chiraiyya bazaar, which is part of the Sandesh segment, backward voters, especially the Extremely Backward Castes, are divided over their support for the BJP.

Five kilometres down the road at Balaur, Sita Paswan is haggling at a retail shop to procure provisions for the kiosk she opened with the Rs 10,000 she received in her account under the state government's employment generation scheme. "Nitish Kumar has done some good work," she says.

The NDA hopes that 1.21 crore women beneficiaries selected under the scheme will be a game-changer in areas where the ideological resistance to the BJP's Bihar project is being led by the Left.

On our way back to Patna, we run into a massive jam at the Ara railway station. Two bodies, father and son, killed in a property dispute, have been placed on the road as CPI(ML)L cadres protest.

"It's Jungal Raj in Bihar," remarks a protester in an apparent rebuttal to the common refrain on the state's law and order during Lalu Yadav's regime. The battle for Bhojpur is well and truly on.

SUPPORTER SURGE

Supporters hold a portrait of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a rally in Saharsa on Monday. PTI

Campaign turns caustic as battle gets personal

ABHAY KUMAR
PATNA

As Bihar gears up for Phase 1 of polling on November 6, political speeches are sliding from bad to worse.

The battlefield has turned into a free-for-all, with leaders resorting to derogatory language against their rivals, showing little regard for the model code of conduct that prohibits such speech.

And in this contest of crude barbs, no party is holding back.

Sample this: "The RJD used a 'katta' (pistol) to force Congress into naming Tejashwi Yadav as the Mahagathbandhan's CM face," alleged Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing the RJD of getting things done at gunpoint.

"If Modi were convinced that dancing on stage or doing yoga would fetch votes, he would do that too," quipped Rahul Gandhi, drawing sharp criticism from the BJP.

"Pappu, Tappu and Akku are the three monkeys of the I.N.D.I.A bloc," said Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, taking a swipe at Rahul, Tejashwi and former UP CM Akhilesh Yadav during a rally in Bihar.

"Rahul should be a 'rasoiya' (cook), not a politician," said Tej Pratap Yadav, Lalu Prasad's elder son, referring to Gandhi's recent jalebi-making and fish-catching antics.

It's also surprising that the PM used the term 'thug-bandhan' (bunch of thugs) to refer to Mahagathbandhan leaders.

"I have covered Bihar since the 1990 elections. I have heard Rajiv Gandhi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and George Fernandes — all good orators. None of them used abusive language against opponents. What we are seeing now is disturbing: leaders are hurling insults and ridiculing rivals, often descending into gutter-level language," said senior political commentator Ajay Kumar.

"How did the PM know whether we were willing or not for Tejashwi's candidature? Was he present when we were at the negotiating table?
Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress president

"The PM should give up talking rubbish and tell the 14 crore people of Bihar what he has done for them. As far as Lalu Prasad is concerned, his tenure as railway minister was a great success, which all his detractors feel envious about.
Tejashwi Yadav, RJD leader

BOOZE BOGGLE

Prohibition conundrum perplexes polity in Bihar

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He liberalised the liquor policy when he became Bihar chief minister in 2005 to ramp up revenue generation. However, after 11 years, Nitish Kumar imposed prohibition in the state, which his opponents claim has led to hooch tragedies and the indiscriminate arrest of Dalits and the underprivileged on charges of violating the law.

The I.N.D.I.A bloc, in its manifesto, promised to review the prohibition law and frame a fair policy, release all the jailed Dalits and the unprivileged, and keep traditional liquor like toddy and mahua out of prohibition's ambit.

The Prashant Kishor-led Jan Suraaj Party wants the ban lifted entirely, while the ruling JD(U) is silent on the issue.

It was in April 2016 that Nitish, who was leading the government, implemented prohibition in the state despite reservations from coalition partner RJD, which also wanted an exemption for toddy, arguing that it would impact the livelihood of the Pasi — a Maha-Dalit community with nearly 12.88 lakh people in the state.

Nitish, who in 2005 brought in a liberalised policy that allowed the opening of liquor shops in villages and saw the excise duty collection rising from around Rs 500 crore to over Rs 3,000 crore in 2015-16, initially planned a phase-wise prohibition, but later amended the policy to cover the entire state in a single stroke.

The decision reaffirmed Nitish's women support base, which was on the rise with his control over law and order, and they being given political power through reservation in local bodies.

But the state finances were hit, with excise duty collection nosediving from Rs 3,142 crore in 2015-16 to less than Rs 40 crore in the next fiscal.

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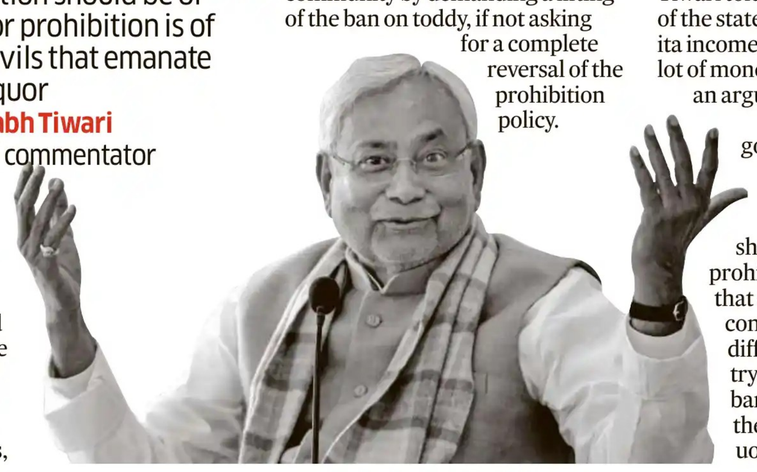
– **Amitabh Tiwari**
Political commentator

Since the prohibition, reports indicated that there were 190 deaths in hooch tragedies, while 9.3 lakh prohibition cases were registered, resulting in around 14.3 lakh arrests. It was also claimed that nearly 35% of the arrests were of OBCs, 27.1% of SCs, and 6.8% of STs.

In the run-up to the polls, parties had been trying to woo the Pasi community by demanding a lifting of the ban on toddy, if not asking for a complete reversal of the prohibition policy.



RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav was among the first to seek a reversal of the ban on toddy. NDA ally LJP (RV)'s Chirag Paswan in May demanded that toddy be excluded from prohibition, calling it a "natural product".

Political commentator Amitabh Tiwari told *DH* that Bihar was one of the states with the lowest per-capita income, but people spending a lot of money on liquor could not be an argument for prohibition.

"If prohibition is such a good policy, shouldn't it be adopted nationwide?... This is a larger debate: whether prohibition should be of liquor or prohibition is of social evils that emanate from liquor consumption. The two are different things. You are trying to solve something by banning liquor, but perhaps the root cause of it is not liquor consumption," he said.

Stalin calls Modi's migrant remark an election stunt

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Terming Narendra Modi's allegations that DMK cadres were harassing migrant workers from Bihar as an "election stunt", Chief Minister M K Stalin on Monday said such statements reflected the BJP's frustration at being unable to succeed electorally in the state, and dared the Prime Minister to repeat his remarks in Tamil Nadu.

In his address after solemnising the wedding of the son of Dharmapuri DMK MP A Mani, Stalin also spoke in detail about the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu and alleged that the exercise was aimed at removing genuine voters. He took a swipe at AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami's "double speak" on the exercise, saying that while he doubted the intentions of the Election Commission of India (ECI), he remained silent as he feared the BJP.

"I want to reiterate that the BJP can never achieve anything in Tamil Nadu. No amount of their conspiracy theories will work here. It is the continuous failure of their strategies that has made them hostile towards us," Stalin said.

Referring to Modi's statement in Bihar, Stalin said the Prime Minister's speech revealed nothing but his hatred towards Tamil Nadu, and urged him to look at interviews given by migrants from Bihar praising the state's infrastructure and the opportunities provided to them.

DECCAN HERALD
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Women's world title a legacy-defining triumph

For decades, women athletes have steadily shaped India's sporting landscape for their gender. Sania Mirza brought tennis into the mainstream, proving that global success was achievable for women. Saina Nehwal and P V Sindhu revolutionised badminton, playing a big hand in turning it into India's second-most popular game and inspiring a wave of young shuttlers. Meanwhile, MC Mary Kom carved her own extraordinary path in boxing, her medals across world championships and Olympics igniting nationwide interest in women's boxing. Yet, amid these triumphs, that defining moment eluded Indian women's cricket that would finally give it an identity distinct from its male counterpart's dominance. The cricketers had come close to accomplishing it in 2005 and 2017, only to suffer heartbreaks. They were not to be denied their moment of glory on the third count. On Sunday night, in front of a raucous 40,000-plus crowd in Navi Mumbai and millions in front of their TV sets, Harmanpreet Kaur and her girls defeated South Africa by 52 runs in the final to win their maiden ODI World Cup, ending their long, painful wait for ICC silverware. This was the spark needed for women's cricket, not just in India, but across the world. The victory has the potential to catapult the women's game to unseen heights of popularity and prosperity, just as India's triumphs in the 1983 World Cup and 2007 T20 World Cup changed the fortunes of the men's game.

The ODI World Cup win is a potentially transformative moment for women's cricket in the country

The results are already evident. The Smriti Mandhanas and Harmanpreet Kaurs were already household names, but this World Cup has brought to the fore lesser-known names and put them in the spotlight. While Bundelkhand pacer Kranti Goud and Andhra Pradesh spinner Shree Charani put their regions on the international map, the unsung Deepti Sharma finally earned her due. Shafali Verma, who was a last-minute replacement for the injured Pratika Rawal, turned the opportunity into history. Jemimah Rodrigues, the architect of the semifinal win over the mighty Australia, became the toast of the nation. Every player, from the veterans to the debutants, had her own inspiring tale to narrate, weaving together one of India's greatest sporting sagas.

Amid these celebrations, it is vital to remember those who paved the way to this moment – from India's first women's captain, Shanta Rangaswamy, and all-rounder Diana Edulji to stalwarts such as Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami. Indian women's cricket stands today on the foundation they built through years of dedication and belief. Accolades and rewards are pouring in, as everyone would want to have a piece of the fame that women cricketers are basking in. But let's also remember, this is just the beginning.

Jobs meet populism in Bihar's poll rhetoric

The two rival electoral alliances in Bihar have gone to the voters with their manifestos – the NDA's Sankalp Patra and the Mahagathbandhan's *Bihar Ka Tejashwi Pran* (Bihar's Tejashwi resolve) – appealing to electoral politics quite unfamiliar to the state. Caste and governance issues have always been central to Bihar's poll campaigns. They are still pertinent issues. Both alliances have pegged their plans to social and caste combinations; governance is key too, as reflected in the NDA's efforts to project Chief Minister Nitish Kumar as the *sushasan babu* and reminders to the voters of the 'jungle raj' during the RJD/Lalu Prasad Yadav reign. But more than ever, the alliances are talking the language of jobs, development, industry, economic growth, and voter empowerment. The manifestos have reflected this shift.

Jobs for the youth and welfare measures for special groups are key components of the electoral promise. The importance of jobs in a state where youths form a significant segment of voters cannot be overstated. Large sections of the youth and even of the older population are out-migrants employed in other states. The Mahagathbandhan has promised one government job per family and a new law guaranteeing employment – a first in the country – and the NDA has offered to create one crore jobs in five years. The question of whether and how the promises will be fulfilled will be lost in rhetoric and unconvincing claims of can-do bluster. But that parties think they have to offer jobs and development may be a sign of recognition of the needs and aspirations of the people.

The how question remains, but the promise of growth and employment, at least, marks a narrative shift

The two manifestos also make an avalanche of welfare promises. Women have received special attention. The NDA has promised to create 10 million *lakhpati didis*, and the state government has, controversially, started transferring money to women. The Mahagathbandhan's Mai-Bahin Maan Yojana envisages Rs 2,500 a month for poor women and permanent jobs for women in self-help groups and contractual workers. The alliance has also promised to lift the 50% ceiling on reservations. Terms other than caste may be in play. Both sides have promised industrial parks, tech and fintech industries, food parks, medium and cottage industries, textile and silk hubs, and other welfare and development projects. It has sometimes been intended that parties should also tell the voters how they planned to raise the resources required to implement these poll promises. The state will face financial problems if even a fraction of the promises are implemented. Karnataka and Maharashtra are examples.

PROCESS ON TRIAL

Collegium and a decade of deferred reform

With the procedures for judges' appointments yet to be finalised, the transparency promise stands unrealised

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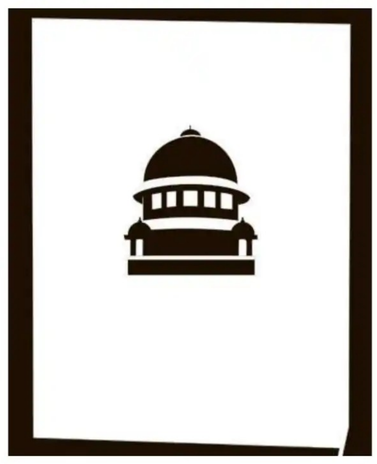
October 16, 2025, marked 10 years since the Supreme Court invalidated the 99th Amendment to the Constitution and the National Judicial Appointments Commission Act, 2014 (NJAC Act). It was a significant judgement because a constitutional amendment was invalidated in its entirety. The judgement, in what is known as the *Fourth Judges' Case*, was delivered by a five-judge Constitution bench, four of whom held that the NJAC would have imperilled judicial independence like no other.

The Amendment and the NJAC Act would have collectively overhauled how judges are appointed to the Supreme Court and High Courts, by replacing the judges-led collegium with the broad-based NJAC. The NJAC, which was never operationalised, was to consist of three judges (the Chief Justice of India and two senior judges), the Union Minister of Law and Justice, and two 'eminent persons' to be nominated by a committee comprising the Prime Minister, CJI, and the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha. Inclusion of persons other than judges in the judicial appointments process was to ensure a diversity of voices in appointments to the higher judiciary. With the NJAC nipped in the bud, the process of appointment continues to be led by the judges.

The birth of the 'collegium' system was, in and of itself, an outcome of executive interference in judicial appointments. Read barely, Articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution – provisions concerning the appointment of judges to the Supreme Court and High Courts respectively – reveal no mention of a collegium. The collegium owes its existence to a creative re-interpretation of the Constitution in what are referred to as the *Second Judges' Case* (1993) and the *Third Judges' Case* (1998). These judgements gave a determinative voice to a collegium of senior-most justices of the Supreme Court for appointments to the higher judiciary in the country, while presumably wresting this power from the executive.

A key concern that prompted the modification of the appointments process was the need for transparency. Little was known about the specifics of the collegium's working, or the suitability criteria it employed while recommending the appointees. The collegium system's imperfections were acknowledged by those very judges who invalidated the NJAC. Resultantly, hearings in the Fourth Judges' Case continued till two months after the judgement, to mull over measures for the improved working of the collegium system. The final hearing concluded with the Supreme Court directing the Union Government to modify and finalise the Memorandum of Procedure to provide for objective appointment criteria, transparency



in appointments, establishment of a secretariat for each High Court and the Supreme Court, and a mechanism to deal with complaints against an appointee.

A decade later, the MoP awaits modification. Finalisation of the MoP, or any other formal document, could iron out several creases. Foremost could be the prescription of a timeline within which a recommendation of the collegium has to be acted upon by the government. Inordinate delays, where collegium recommendations are not duly acted upon for months, cause uncertainty among the recommendees. Owing to the precariousness ingrained in the appointments process, many seasoned practitioners shy away from consenting to consideration of their names for possible elevation.

A shift towards accountability

A modified draft MoP was handed over to the then Supreme Court collegium by the Union Government in 2016, but little came out of it. The MoP remains contentious, with both the judiciary and the government reluctant to cede their respective voices in the appointments process. It is worth noting as recently as September 12, the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) reached out to the Union Law Ministry, urging immediate finalisation of the MoP. The SCBA's communication categorically raises concerns about the exclusion of Supreme Court practitioners from elevation to their High Courts in their respective home states.

Certain remedial steps have been taken to counter the opacity and subjectivity in judicial appointments. Starting 2017, the Supreme Court collegium had begun making its resolutions public, along with reasons for appointing a particular judge, the status of pending inquiries against them, and consultees' views on the recommendees. Earlier this year, documents detailing the procedures and criteria for appointments of Supreme Court and High Court judges were published on the Supreme Court's website. The website now also carries a 'Performance Appraisal Template' for High Court judges, which collates information regarding a potential appointee's performance in the High Court. Details of proposals approved by the Supreme Court collegium for appointments of High Court judges (between November 9, 2022, and May 5, 2025) have also been published, covering information such as an appointee's caste and any relationship they may have with a sitting/retired judge of the High Court/Supreme Court.

The length of collegium resolutions, however, has varied across time, sometimes only mentioning the names of those recommended for appointment. Ideally, a publicly available collegium resolution should, at the very least, reveal the number of years a potential appointee has spent at the bar. Resolutions in the last few years may have briefly included that information, but that practice has not been uniformly followed.

A decade is time enough to finalise the only procedural document which concerns appointments to India's constitutional courts, and do a lot more. To assume that the NJAC would have addressed all appointment-related concerns in one miraculous stroke would be naive, but it certainly was a potent conversation-starter. Here's hoping that the upcoming decade is a tad more fruitful than the last one.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

When dignity did a *thumka*

I finally discovered the joy of flailing freely without fear of ridicule

JAHNAVI GURJER

It began at a friend's daughter's *sangeet*—that glorious Indian invention where every respectable adult suddenly believes they were born for *Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa*, our very own *Dancing with the Stars*. The event itself was a study in collective delusion: uncles with decades of joint pain rehearsing lunges like backup dancers, aunties practising Bollywood poses that defied both physics and orthopaedic advice, and distant cousins perfecting expressions of "effortless spontaneity" for the videographer.

While the air smelled of jasmine, roses, and juicy gossip, the unmistakable scent of mild panic couldn't be camouflaged under the shimmer of the disco lights. A fog machine wheezed dramatically as choreographers barked eight-counts like drill sergeants of joy, compelling dance groups to do their "best". Guests hooted and cheered with unrestrained enthusiasm for every performance, no matter how many beats were missed. It was democracy at its finest.

I was enjoying the spectacle quite unmistakably until the DJ went rogue. He rebelliously changed the script and announced, "Everybody on the dance floor!" To my misery, before I could politely pretend to check my phone, a cousin yanked me into a human tornado of sequins and self-confidence.

Now, I am not anti-dance. I simply believe in restricting my physical motion to activities sanctioned by civilisation: walking, waving, and occasionally bending to tie shoelaces. But as the beat dropped, my limbs staged a protest. My right hand flung east, my left leg headed west, and my dignity quietly exited through the nearest door. The groom's family froze mid-*thumka* (classic Bollywood hip-twist of joy), while I overheard a child whisper, "Is she crazy?" and amid my self-consciousness, a drone camera captured my existential crisis in ultra-high definition.

By dinner, I was a trending family meme titled The Human Windmill. An elderly uncle declared I had "brought new meaning to wind energy", and my diplomatic sister said, "Maybe just clap next time."

Humiliation is a terrific teacher. So, a week later, fuelled by equal parts shame and misguided optimism, I joined a dance class. The instructor, a radiant twenty-something who moved like butter on warm toast, asked what style I wanted to learn. "Basic survival," I replied. She laughed. I didn't.

Class one began with the ominous instruction: "Feel the music." I did. It felt judgemental. While others floated like petals in a breeze, I resembled a malfunctioning robot. But by week three, something shifted. I could finally distinguish left from right (on most days) and sway without endangering others. I began to see the absurd joy of flailing freely without fear of ridicule.

Perhaps that's the lesson: we spend so much of our lives moving in straight lines and rigid schedules that we forget how to move for no reason at all. Sometimes it takes a misstep or a mortifying moment to remind us that rhythm isn't learned; it's remembered.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A win that broke more than records

The Indian women's cricket team didn't just lift a trophy—they lifted a nation's spirit. This win is not about boundaries and wickets; it's about breaking the walls that confined women for years. Every time they were told, "This isn't your place," they made the pitch their own. Every doubt hurled at them became their fuel.
This victory silences every mindset that claimed women can't fight, lead or conquer. They haven't just defeated an opponent—they've defeated a world still questioning their strength. Mocked, doubted and targeted, yet here they stand—holding the cup high. For every girl told to sit quietly, for every woman told to stay behind, this victory proclaims: You belong where you choose to be. This is no mere cricket win—it's a revolution. The message is clear and resounding: We can. We did. We will continue to do so.
Namrata Sangalikar, Tumakuru

Kudos to women in blue

Apropos 'Indian women script history with WC win' (Nov 3), hats off to the young Indian women for their spectacular performance and consistent efforts that culminated in a historic victory. It was truly an inspiring day for Indian women, who played with remarkable skill, grit and determination. This triumph is a testament to their commitment and teamwork in turning the impossible into possible. It will undoubtedly inspire future generations of Indian cricketers to pursue their dreams with courage and confidence. Heartfelt congratulations to these young women for bringing great glory to the nation.
Prabhakaran Vallath, Kozhikode

Poverty-*mukt* Kerala

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's announcement in the Kerala Assembly that the state has become free from extreme poverty deserves praise. He also outlined the measures taken by the government to achieve this goal. However, one wonders whether the credit should go solely to the government or also to the people of Kerala for their enterprise and resilience. Perhaps it should be shared by all. Having reached this milestone, the next goal should be to make Kerala the first state in India free from families living below the poverty line. That said, the challenge of "artificial poverty"—people pretending to be poor to avail government benefits—needs to be addressed. Removing this façade is essential to ensure that assistance reaches only those who are genuinely in need.
K R Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru

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SPEAK OUT

I think there should be some restraint in language. The kind of language used (for campaigning) in Bihar is not appropriate...
Rajeev Shukla, Congress MP

Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits.
Mark Twain

TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

A promising deal, a test of diplomacy

India can gain strategically from the defence pact with the US, but can it balance ties with multiple power centres?

K S TOMAR

The signing of a 10-year 'Framework for the US-India Major Defence Partnership' in Kuala Lumpur, on October 31, marks a defining moment in India's evolving strategic trajectory. It is not merely a ceremonial renewal of co-operation, but a forward-looking blueprint intended to align the two democracies in defence production, technology sharing, and regional deterrence through the next decade. The timing – amid trade frictions and global realignments – adds depth to its geopolitical resonance.

The Kuala Lumpur pact provides overarching policy direction for defence cooperation, spanning intelligence sharing, joint military exercises, co-development of advanced systems, and enhanced interoperability between the armed forces of the two nations. It builds upon earlier foundational agreements such as LEMOA, COMCASA, and BECA, which together allow India and the United States to operate more cohesively across sea, air, and land domains. This institutionalisation of defence ties now enters a phase of policy predictability – a rare commodity in contemporary global politics.

For India, the framework signals a deliberate tilt toward strategic diversification. While its historical dependence on Russia remains, the steady infusion of US systems – from surveillance drones to heavy-lift helicopters – reflects a recalibration of military doctrine.

For India, the agreement strengthens its quest for defence self-reliance. The US has already emerged as India's third-largest defence supplier, and the new roadmap is expected to deepen technology transfer, joint R&D, and industrial collaboration. The Kuala Lumpur framework could create manufacturing jobs in India and reduce New Delhi's dependence on imported systems.

India's defence posture will also gain deterrent depth in the Indian Ocean and the Indo-Pacific theatre. The integration of US drones and helicopters with existing naval assets will give India a sharper edge in countering Chinese naval intrusions and securing sea lanes critical for energy imports.

For the US, the pact is a strategic investment in preserving its influence in Asia amid the shifting balance of power. Washington gets to strengthen its foothold in South Asia without committing large-scale troop deployments. The US also gains economic leverage through steady, high-value defence exports that sustain its military-industrial complex. Furthermore, a technologically capable India serves as a counterweight to China and a stabilising partner for regional democracies.

The timing of the pact underscores its regional messaging. It signals an emerging trilateral equilibrium involving India, the US, and ASEAN states, committed to resisting coercive maritime behaviour in the South China Sea, and promoting rules-based navigation.

The pact indirectly strengthens the Quad, reinforcing India's position as an indispensable player in Indo-Pacific security. For Southeast Asian nations that are wary of Chinese assertiveness, the India-US synergy offers an alternative security umbrella that doesn't formally resemble a military bloc but delivers credible deterrence.

Strategic ripples

China's growing military presence in the Indian Ocean, its fortified bases in Djibouti and potential in Gwadar, and its assertiveness along the Line of Actual Control make India's maritime modernisation a direct counterbalance.

Islamabad will perceive this deepening defence partnership as a narrowing of space in Washington's regional calculus. Pakistan's reliance on Chinese equipment and financing is likely to grow, pushing the region towards a more bipolar military alignment.

Will the US-India framework erode New Delhi's long-standing defence ties with Moscow? The answer lies in gradual transition rather than abrupt rupture. Russia still accounts for roughly 36% of India's defence imports, though its share has declined from nearly 70% a decade ago.

Western sanctions on Russia following the Ukraine war, coupled with supply chain disruptions, have accelerated India's diversification. India will likely maintain a calibrated balance – keeping its Russian ties alive to preserve strategic autonomy, even as the US relationship deepens.

The deeper challenge for India will be to manage its partnerships without becoming a junior partner in any bloc – strategic convergence must not translate into strategic dependence. India's credibility as an autonomous power rests on its ability to align interests without surrendering decision-making sovereignty.

The 10-year roadmap is both a promise and a test. It promises unprecedented access to technology and interoperability, but it also tests India's diplomatic dexterity in balancing multiple power centres. For Washington, the success of this partnership will hinge on sustaining bipartisan support for India, even amid trade disputes and shifting global priorities.

This defence pact is a strategic bridge – linking India's aspirations for self-reliance with the US' quest for regional stability. Its true measure will be in how effectively the two nations convert this convergence into enduring security, balanced deterrence, and regional peace.

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Rent without rights: Why Karnataka needs the Model Tenancy Act

SAI RAMA RAJU MARELLA

When the Government of India launched PMAY-Urban 2.0, it mandated all states and Union Territories that signed the Memorandum of Agreement to adopt the Model Tenancy Act (MTA), 2021, through new or amended rent control laws by June 2025. That deadline has passed, and Karnataka, like many others, has yet to act. This means that thousands of migrant families, students, and young professionals continue to bear the brunt of an unregulated rental market in Bengaluru and other major cities.

The most visible sign of this policy vacuum is the steep security deposit norm -- often six to 10 months' rent upfront -- translating to Rs 1–2 lakh for a modest home, turning housing into an entry barrier to the city. With urban migration and housing demand rising, this unwritten rule has become one of Karnataka's most persistent affordability challenges. Unlike Mumbai, Delhi, or Hyderabad, where deposits typically range from two to three months' rent, Bengaluru has allowed this practice to go unchecked. Tamil Nadu recognised this inequity and, in 2017, enacted a law capping deposits at two months and mandating formal tenancy agreements.

In the absence of a clear, enforceable rental framework, landlords justify higher deposits as protection against rent default or property damage, shifting all financial risk onto tenants. For single-income and migrant households, locking up Rs 1-2 lakh in deposits is often impossible. According to a 2023 Government of India report, urban families spend nearly two-thirds of their income on basic needs such as food, clothing, house rent, health, education and daily commute. With little disposable income, a large deposit becomes a barrier to mobility and security, pushing many away from safe and better-serviced neighbourhoods towards overcrowded or substandard housing.

Affordability, however, is only one part of the problem. Discrimination in renting is an equally pervasive yet under-acknowledged barrier. Across Bengaluru and other cities, tenants are denied housing on grounds of caste, religion, gender, marital status, food habits, or place of origin. While such practices remain invisible, there is no clarity on what constitutes discrimination, no redressal mechanism, and little awareness among tenants of their rights. Tenants who face discrimination move on quietly, knowing that challenging it means lost time and no assurance of justice. This allows such practices to become normalised as "landlord's choice".

Outdated laws, unequal burdens

These economic and social barriers stem from the same structural gap: an outdated legal framework that fails to protect either party. Karnataka's Rent Control Act of 1999/2006 neither caps deposits nor ensures fair rents. Many tenants recount losing part or all of their deposits to arbitrary deductions at the end of tenancy.

A modern framework is long overdue. The MTA caps security deposits at two months for residential agreements, mandates written contracts, and seeks the establishment of rent authorities and rent tribunals to resolve disputes and protect tenants from excessive demands as well as create a transparent rental framework. For tenants, it offers legal clarity, standardised documentation, and formal grievance redressal. For landlords, it ensures timely rent payment, faster recovery of property in case of default, and less reliance on informal arrangements that often lead to disputes. By institutionalising rental relationships, the Act aims to replace negotiation and mistrust with accountability and due process.

While Tamil Nadu was the first state to implement its version of the MTA, implementation took more than three years, revealing the administrative and institutional groundwork such reforms demand. Karnataka must begin this process now.

The state must tailor the Act to its urban realities through city-specific rental housing needs assessment studies. Bengaluru (BBMP–BDA areas) can form one cluster, Tier-1 cities such as Mysuru, Mangaluru, and Hubballi-Dharwad another, and smaller urban centres a third. Each cluster faces distinct rental housing challenges, and such segmentation will help identify issues faced by both tenants and landlords.

Implementation will depend on building institutional capacity for timely dispute resolution. The MTA proposes quasi-judicial bodies such as rent authority, rent court and rent tribunal to register agreements, mediate conflicts, and ensure compliance. These are essential to reduce the backlog of rent-related cases in civil courts and provide both tenants and landlords with accessible, time-bound redressal. Without such structures in place, rental disputes will continue to be settled informally or left unresolved, undermining the purpose of the legislation.

Karnataka's urban rental market sits at a critical juncture. The absence of a regulation has allowed informal practices, arbitrary deposits, and discriminatory screening to shape who gets to live where. Implementing the Model Tenancy Act is a necessary first step toward a more equitable rental system, one that balances rights with responsibilities, protects both tenants and landlords, and expands access to secure housing. For a state where rental housing sustains much of the urban workforce, adopting such a framework is a social and economic necessity.

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Plans for a wealth tax, which is dividing France, have gotten popular around the world as inequality has widened and government debt has risen

Are wealth taxes the best way to tax the ultra rich?

PATRICIA COHEN

There have been calls to tax the rich ever since there have been taxes. One idea, though, arouses particularly fevered reactions: a tax on wealth, not just paychecks.

A clash over such a plan is now dividing France, where there was a raucous debate in parliament Friday over proposals for a wealth tax. But the approach has been roiling politics in the United States and Europe for years as inequality has risen to staggering levels and public debt has busted government budgets.

At the Labour Party conference in Britain in October, delegates called for a wealth tax. Surveys have shown three-quarters of Britons back the idea. Debate over the concept has been revived even in countries like Germany and Ireland that had previously repealed their wealth taxes. And the Tax Observatory, a research organisation funded by the European Union, has proposed a global minimum wealth tax of 2% on the world's roughly 3,000 billionaires.

To supporters, taxing an individual's total assets — stocks, real estate, yachts, diamond tiaras, race horses, art, fine wines, private islands and jets — rather than just income is one of the few ways to get people with dynastic wealth to pay their fair share.

It is also necessary, they argue, to dilute the increasing political power of the super rich.

To opponents, wealth taxes are outlandish penalties on innovation and productivity, and discourage investment and cripple growth. They would also be a logistical nightmare to administer, they add. How would government tax collectors go about assessing a family's valuable collections of Ferraris, Picassos, NFTs and Birkin bags every year?

Wealth taxes, though not as common as some other levies, have actually been around for a long time. If you think about it, real estate taxes are one form of a wealth tax that target a particular asset.

In the 17th century, colonists in Massachusetts imposed a wealth tax on financial holdings, land, ships, jewellery and livestock. The first national wealth tax was imposed in the Netherlands in 1892. Colombia introduced one in 1935, as did India in 1957.

Wealth taxes were popular in Europe at times. Twelve countries had versions in 1990, although in many — including Germany, Sweden, Denmark Austria, Finland, Luxembourg — the taxes were later repealed.

Norway, Switzerland and Spain have wealth taxes, according to the Tax Foundation. France, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands tax certain types of assets, though not overall net wealth.

The reasons for the repeals, as detailed in a 2018 report by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, included the difficulty of administration, the burden on people who owned valuables but had little available cash, and the minimal amounts of revenue raised.

But there has been a revival of support for wealth taxes on the ultra-rich in recent years, and much of it can be traced to three French economists — Thomas Piketty, Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman — who did groundbreaking work starting in the early 2010s documenting the stunning concentration of wealth around the world. Globally, the top 1% own roughly 43% of the world's total wealth, according to Oxfam.

NYT

In France, one proposal, a tax on households with a net worth of more than 100 million euros ($115.4 million), was aptly known as the Zucman tax. He estimates it would raise up to 20 billion euros from 1,800 households.

After an acrimonious debate in the National Assembly on Friday, multiple variations of that tax were defeated.

"We are against this tax mania," Laurent Wauquiez, a lawmaker for France's conservative Les Republicans party, said of the Zucman tax. "By taxing everything, you'll have nothing left to tax, and you'll also discourage entrepreneurs and workers."

François Ruffin, a left-leaning lawmaker, defended the tax saying it was a "measly 2%." In eight years, "the fortunes of the 500 wealthiest families have doubled by 600 billion euros, by 100%," he added. "We're taking 2% from them, not leaving them 2%."

In the United States, proposals for wealth taxes entered the mainstream during the final year of President Donald Trump's first term. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders, both presidential candidates, offered plans based on work by Saez and Zucman that they said were aimed at avoiding the shortcomings of failed European wealth taxes. And after President Joe Biden took office, Senate Democrats introduced a wealth tax aimed at billionaires, though it did not pass.

In 2020, Bolivia instituted what is arguably the best-named wealth tax — *Impuesto a las Grandes Fortunas*, or Tax on Great Fortunes — which applied to people with net wealth over $4.3 million.

Although concerns about inequality may prompt public support for wealth taxes, economic shocks and tight budgets historically have been the most common causes of their passage, researchers have found.

In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, Spain introduced a temporary "solidarity wealth tax" in 2022 on individuals with net assets above 3 million euros. It was later made permanent.

Slowing growth and intense budget pressures have further ratcheted up interest in wealth taxes.

Last year, the Brazilian government, which held the presidency of the Group of 20 nations, commissioned Zucman to devise a global plan to tax billionaires. That approach is intended to blunt worries that the super rich will take the money and run to a lower tax haven.

Whatever other objections critics of a wealth tax may have, fears that it would disrupt the economy and discourage the rich from working or innovating are overblown, said Abhijit Banerjee, a Nobel Prize winner in economics.

"There is evidence that they will do anything they can to dodge the tax," Banerjee said, either hiding assets or moving. But there is no evidence they will work less. After all, professional athletes don't reduce their efforts when there are salary caps.

"I think there is receptivity to wealth tax in many countries of Europe," he said. And if governments would act together, the wealthy would have fewer places to escape to.

In France, after the tax proposals were defeated Friday, Zucman appeared on television and said, "I am not disappointed, because it will eventually happen."

"There's a huge demand by the public for a tax on billionaires," he added. "All battles of this nature take time to win."

The New York Times

The rise of 'Start-Up Politics'

SHIVESHWAR KUNDU

The beauty of democracy lies in its ability to accommodate new socio-political experiments. Political philosopher Adam Swift once said democracy is like 'motherhood and apple pie'—something universally desirable, even if imperfect. In contrast, other political systems such as authoritarianism, monarchy, or one-party rule are opaque and bound by rigid belief systems.

Contemporary Indian democracy is witnessing a new experiment -- what might be called start-up politics. The term is not used pejoratively but to attribute a characteristic to this attempt. This start-up model is best exemplified by Jan Suraaj, led by political strategist Prashant Kishor in Bihar's crowded political field. It is a top-down experiment built on the power of technology and a structured narrative.

In recent years, political *yatras* have proliferated across political parties and ideologies. Amid these, Kishor's Jan Suraaj walked through 2,697 villages and 235 blocks across Bihar. The purpose is to forge an emotional connection with ordinary people and offer an alternative to existing political choices.

The experiment differs from others in three ways.

First, Jan Suraaj presents itself as a top-down mission to transform Bihar, leveraging Prashant Kishor's professional experience as a political strategist who has reshaped the landscape of India's political consultancy.

Second, unlike the Aam Admi Party, which rose from issue-based movements, Kishor's outfit eschews mass protests or revolutions. Instead, it promises a detailed blueprint for Bihar's development and seeks to convince voters to buy into it. The movement is driven by a mix of remorse for Bihar's state of affairs and pride in Bihari *asmita*.

Third, as a new organisation, Jan Suraaj is unburdened by the baggage of mainstream parties. It is also raising issues long ignored by mainstream parties—*palayan* (migration across age and social groups), the need to focus on service over industry given Bihar's geography, reforming primary education, and dismantling bureaucratic autocracy that sustains patron-client networks.

Kishor's approach to communication with the public is also unconventional. He often chastises the public rather than wooing them, holding them responsible for Bihar's stagnation after decades of loyalty to Lalu Prasad Yadav's RJD and Nitish Kumar's JD(U). Unless they change now, he warns, "no one can save them."

He also targets the 60% of voters who, he claims, want change – a departure from Bihar's entrenched caste arithmetic and the fixed loyalties that underpin it.

The symbolism of Jan Suraaj too is distinctive: it combines Gandhi and Ambedkar, thinkers often regarded as opposites in their political philosophy. Nonetheless, they complement each other in various ways.

The test of durability

Like any start-up, Jan Suraaj offers radical alternatives but must prove its staying power. India has seen such idealistic ventures before. In the 1970s, many people across the age groups, mainly students from elite educational institutions, ventured into rural India to usher in change, disillusioned by the corrupt and immoral political system prevalent during that time.

They thought they had some form of scientific formula to transform society, but they failed miserably. On many occasions they failed to strike up a dialogue with common people and did not understand the local power dynamics or the nuances of feudal societies. They also tried to whip up the sentiment of guilt among people, like Jan Suraaj is now attempting to do.

The difference now is that Jan Suraaj appears to be a better-managed political front than the experiments of the 1970s, which were mainly driven by social movements related to issues such as land, identity and environment. Activists leading or related to these movements did not remain on the ground for long. The frustration and anxiety arising out of their inability to communicate their version of politics to people quickly creeps in, challenging their ability to stay grounded long enough to convert ideas into practice.

In an age of reels, instant opinions, and artificial intelligence, political patience is a rare virtue. If start-up politics like that of Jan Suraaj are to succeed, they must become a sustained, on-ground force. Only then can they take on the organisational might of the decades-old mainstream parties well-entrenched in Bihar's political and social landscape.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: NOVEMBER 1975

Moshtaque Ahmed regime overthrown

New Delhi, November 3
The Garrison Commander of Dacca, Brigadier Khalid Musharaf, virtually seized power in Bangladesh today in a swift but peaceful move, 11 weeks after Sheikh Mujibur Rehman was overthrown in a military coup, diplomatic sources said here. Mr. Moshtaque Ahmed had pledged his loyalty to the new regime, the sources said. Mr. Moshtaque was swept to power in the August 15 military coup, in which Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rehman and several of his family members were gunned down.

25 YEARS AGO: NOVEMBER 2000

HC retains Prabhudev as Jayadeva chief

Bangalore, Nov 3
The Karnataka High Court today upheld the appointment of Dr N Prabhudev as the director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology till his retirement, while setting aside a single judge order quashing his appointment. The division bench, comprising Justice G C Bharuka and Justice Manjula Chellur, also imposed costs of Rs 15,000 on three doctors who had filed the writ petitions challenging Dr Prabhudev's appointment, and directed the amount be paid to Dr Prabhudev towards court expenses.

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Understanding the power of simplicity

The joke about the chief guest and the note from his wife is both humorous and deeply meaningful. The story goes that as the chief guest rose to deliver his much-anticipated speech, his wife discreetly handed him a small chit of paper with something scribbled on it. Curious, he glances at it, expecting some last-minute reminder or quote to include. Instead, he reads the simple instruction: "KISS – Keep It Simple, Stupid!" Though on a lighter vein, beneath the humour lies a profound idea about the value of simplicity in life.

Simplicity is one of life's greatest virtues. However, it is often the hardest to practise. Whether in communication, relationships, or daily living, we tend to complicate things unnecessarily. We use big words when small ones will do, chase too many goals at once, and clutter our lives with possessions and worries. The "KISS" principle reminds us that clarity, brevity, and sincerity often have a greater impact than grand displays of intelligence, ostentation, or complexity.

In communication, simplicity ensures understanding. A simple, well-expressed idea reaches the heart and mind more easily than an elaborate one that confuses the listener. The world's greatest leaders and thinkers, from Mahatma Gandhi to Albert Einstein, believed in keeping thoughts and actions simple. Einstein once said, "If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough." Simplicity allows ideas to breathe and connect with people on a deeper level.

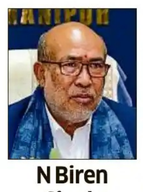
In life, simplicity brings peace. When we let go of unnecessary desires, possessions, and complications, we make room for joy and contentment. A simple life is not an empty one; it allows us to focus on life's important aspects, such as love, honesty, health and meaningful relationships. The more we de-clutter our surroundings and minds, the more clearly we can see what brings us genuine happiness. Simplicity thus allows space for reflection, creativity, and gratitude. The note from the chief guest's wife, though playful, carries timeless wisdom. It urges us to strip away the unnecessary, to speak from the heart, and to live with purpose rather than pretence.

So, the next time we face a challenge or prepare to speak, perhaps we should remember the chief guest's story and silently tell ourselves, "Keep it simple, stupid." It might just be the smartest advice we can ever follow in life.

Tampering in audio linked to ex-Manipur CM: Forensic lab to SC

Says it can't offer an opinion on similarity or dissimilarity of speakers in question

NEW DELHI, PTI


N Biren Singh

The Supreme Court on Monday observed that the National Forensic Science Laboratory (NFSL) at Gujarat has said the leaked audio clips, which allegedly pointed to the purported role of former Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh in the 2023 ethnic violence in the state, were "tampered with".

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kumar and Alok Aradhe observed that, according to the NFSL's report, the audio clips exhibited signs of editing and tampering and were not scientifically fit for forensic voice comparison.

"Consequently, no opinion regarding the similarity or dissimilarity of the speakers in the question and the controlled clips can be offered," the bench said, while referring to the NFSL's report.

The apex court was hearing a petition filed by the Kuki Organisation for Human Rights Trust (KOHUR), which has sought an independent SIT probe into the matter.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for KOHUR, said a copy of the NFSL's report be shared with the parties so that they could respond to it.

The bench directed the apex court registry to submit a copy of the report to the counsel appearing for the parties and posted the matter for hearing on December 8.

The bench observed that, according to the report, the audio clips do not constitute the original source recordings and are not scientifically fit for forensic voice comparison.

"We have just shared the final conclusions in that report (of NFSL), which say that the disputed recording has been tampered with," the bench told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who also appeared in the matter.

"It is now quite peaceful there...," Mehta said.

On August 19, the top court expressed displeasure over Central Forensic Science Laboratory's (CFSL's) exercise to test the audio recordings, pointing to the alleged role of the former Manipur chief minister in the ethnic violence, calling it "misdirected".

While hearing the plea on August 25, the apex court referred the matter to NFSL, Gandhi Nagar, to examine the audio clips in question to determine whether they were modified, edited or tampered with in any manner.

Mehul Choksi challenges extradition order in Belgium SC

NEW DELHI, PTI: Fugitive diamond trader Mehul Choksi has challenged before Belgium's Supreme Court an October 17 ruling by the Antwerp Court of Appeal that had upheld India's request for his extradition, calling it "enforceable", officials said on Monday.

In response to queries sent by PTI, the public prosecutor at the Court of Appeal in Antwerp said Choksi filed an appeal in the Court of Cassation on October 30.

"This appeal is strictly limited to legal merits and will be judged by the Court of Cassation. During this procedure, the execution of the extradition is suspended," Advocate General Ken Witpas said in his response to PTI.

The Court of Cassation is the Supreme Court of Belgium. On October 17, a four-member indictment chamber at the Court of Appeals in Antwerp found no infirmity in the orders issued by the pre-trial chamber of the district court on November 29, 2024, terming the arrest warrants issued by a Mumbai special court in May 2018 and June 2021 as "enforceable", allowing Choksi's extradition.

The Court of Appeals ruled that fugitive Choksi, the main accused in a Rs-13,000 crore PNB scam, faces "no risk" of being denied a fair trial or subjected to ill-treatment if he is extradited to India.

Of the total scam amount, Choksi alone has siphoned off Rs 6,400 crore, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has alleged in its chargesheet.

College student abducted and sexually assaulted in TN

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Three unidentified men allegedly abducted a 20-year-old postgraduate student at a private college and sexually assaulted her near the Coimbatore International Airport after attacking her boyfriend and leaving him bleeding at the spot.

The girl, who hails from southern Tamil Nadu, is pursuing her masters in business administration at a reputed college in the industrial city.

The incident took place late Sunday night at an isolated and unlit stretch on the Brindavan Nagar–SIHS Colony Road near the airport. The area is prone to crime incidents and there are no CCTV cameras, making it difficult for the investigators to zero in on the culprits.

The incident took place at around 11 pm when the girl and her boyfriend (it is believed that the two had been in a relationship) were inside a car at the Brindavan Nagar–SIHS Colony Road after their dinner. Police said three men, who arrived at the spot in a motorbike which was allegedly stolen from Kovilpalayam in the city, hurled a stone at the car, instantly breaking its windshield.

"The three men dragged the boyfriend out of the car and thrashed him so badly that he was profusely bleeding. They then forcibly took the girl and took her to a secluded place about a km away where they sexually assaulted her. The men threatened her not to go public about the gang rape and abandoned her at around 4.00 am," a senior police officer told *DH*.

The girl was rescued by the police at about 4.30 am. The boyfriend, who was beaten with sticks and stones, regained consciousness after an hour and reported the incident to police before getting admitted to the Coimbatore Government Medical College.

"The boy was beaten up so badly that doctors gave him over 20 stitches," the officer added. Since the accused are still at large, the Coimbatore Police have formed seven special teams to nab the culprits.

The shocking incident prompted many to raise several questions over the safety of women. In December last year, a 19-year-old student at Anna University in Chennai was sexually assaulted inside the campus.

From feast to fisticuffs: Chicken fry turns UP wedding venue into battleground

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LUCKNOW, DHNS

A wedding venue in Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor district turned into a battleground as guests from both sides allegedly traded blows over the serving of chicken fry.

Local reports said at least 15 people from both sides were injured in the fight. Some of the injured had to be admitted to hospitals.

The cops, who were called in after the situation threatened to get out of hand, had a tough time breaking up the fight and restoring normalcy.

The incident happened at Teebri village during a wedding on Sunday. The matter came to light after videos of the fight went viral on social media.

The trouble erupted after some guests from the groom's side complained that they were being served fewer pieces of chicken fry.

Apparently irked over the complaint, those looking after the arrangements started serving plates completely full of chicken fry, which triggered a sharp reaction from the groom's side.

A few youths from both sides got in a verbal duel, which soon turned into scuffles and then a fight. Broken plates and chairs and littered food items bore testimony to the incident.

Reports said the wedding was eventually solemnised in the presence of the police.

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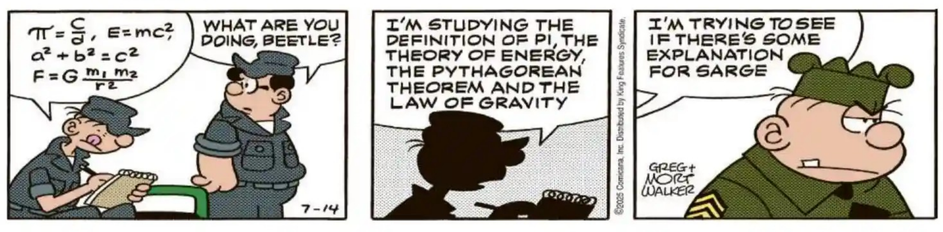
Blondie

ISN'T IT NICE TO START THE WEEKEND OFF BY GETTING UP EARLY AND JUST RELAXING TOGETHER?
IT SURE IS
IT'S LIKE THE WHOLE WORLD SLOWS DOWN AND JUST LETS YOU BREATHE
IT SURE DOES
BEFORE YOUR "TO DO" LIST STARTS AND THE REST OF THE DAY IS SHOT
YOU COULD'VE STOPPED WHILE YOU WERE AHEAD, YOU KNOW

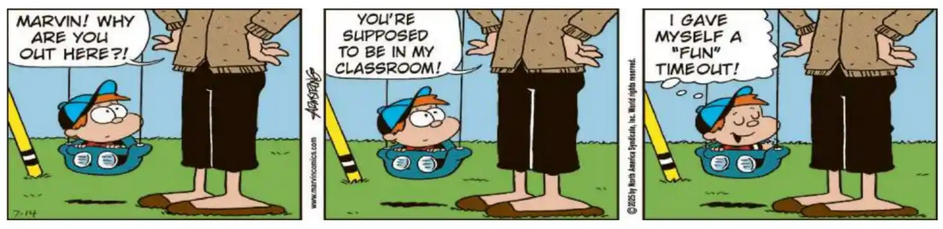
Hagar The Horrible

Beetle Bailey


WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BEETLE?
I'M STUDYING THE DEFINITION OF PI, THE THEORY OF ENERGY, THE PYTHAGOREAN THEOREM AND THE LAW OF GRAVITY
I'M TRYING TO SEE IF THERE'S SOME EXPLANATION FOR SARGE

Peanuts

Marvin



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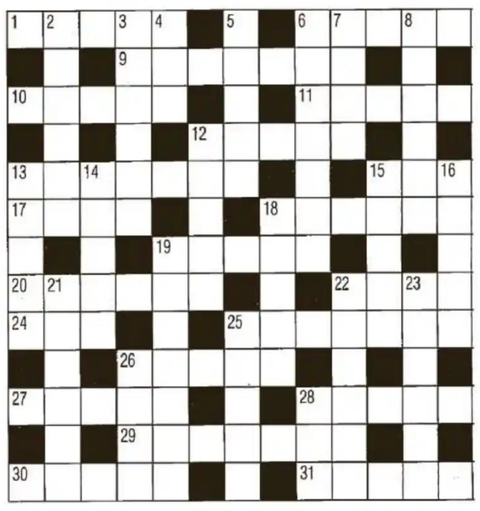

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 See a security device with a timing mechanism (5)
6 Grounds for an about turn, just in case (5)
9 Keeps going to maintain a relative (5,2)
10 Be too curious about a spoilt son going to work (5)
11 There's a future in this emporium (5)
12 Poet's name for a fluttering heart (5)
13 The point claimed to be misrepresented? (7)
15 He contradicts a gentleman (3)
17 It has a flat face with a certain amount of hair on (4)
18 Fox needing a bit of luck during a sportive deed (6)
19 Journal of a father and a childless person (5)
20 A scare, perhaps, for an ancient Roman (6)
22 Carefully examine a broken fist (4)
24 Big success in a Whitehall farce (3)
25 It was made years ago (7)
26 Old-fashioned engine driver (5)
27 Place two articles with only a short distance between (5)
28 Put off Sally, perhaps, having a dizzy head (5)
29 Work out how to remain acceptable? (4,3)
30 Draw a possibly finer conclusion (5)
31 Figure study (5)

DOWN
2 One yearning for more inches? (6)
3 Composer who made church music fashionable (6)
4 Hill's a bit of a slick operator (3)
5 It's best one goes to town (5)
6 Kevin could act the stern CO, possibly (7)
7 For certain players, cash in advance (4)
8 Open the drapes? (6)
12 A dark mystery somewhere in Africa (5)
13 Dump at the roadside? (5)
14 Want a customer for a tin opener (5)
15 A collectable dog one comes to love (5)
16 Celestial cause of the tide changing at the quarter-year (5)
18 Figures out a piece of linen is strong material (5)
19 Someone to do business with? (7)
21 The flighty fellow's collecting Maria at mid-morning (6)
22 Rocky beds (6)
23 Dawn, admired by Francophiles (6)
25 That plucky Marx Brother? (5)
26 A drink of benefit or interest (4)
28 Diagram having no place, being very faint (3)

ACROSS
1 Waterway (5)
6 For this reason (5)
9 Obstruction (7)
10 Cold dish (5)
11 Enrage (5)
12 Derogatory (5)
13 African republic (7)
15 Jewel (3)
17 Sour (4)
18 Spanish dance (6)
19 Storey (5)
20 Latitude (6)
22 Rush (4)
24 Newt (3)
25 Girl's name (7)
26 Deviate (5)
27 Speciality (5)
28 Gangway (5)
29 Area of fruit trees (7)
30 Paces (5)
31 Taut (5)

DOWN
2 Language (6)
3 Subsided (6)
4 Stripling (3)
5 Stadium (5)
6 Go towards (4,3)
7 Sea eagle (4)
8 Intelligent (6)
12 Foolish (5)
13 Soup server (5)
14 Bathroom fitting (5)
15 Mean or intend (3,2)
16 Strong coffee (5)
18 Golf term (5)
19 Wavers (7)
21 Exertion (6)
22 Split up (6)
23 Edges along (6)
25 Turning tool (5)
26 Halt (4)
28 Skill (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12279

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 3, Sight 8, Ma-Gog 10, Eight 11, Lag 12, Icing 13, Ma'ssage 15, Dela-y 18, Tin 19, Er-rat-a 21, Panoply 22, Peer 23, Felt 24, Des-pair 26, A-ram-is 29, Sh-e 31, Roles 32, Wealth-y 34, Lucl'd 35, Dai 36, Solos (rev.) 37, Cere-s 38, Neigh (nay).
DOWN: 1, Ma-lay 2, Dogs-tar 4, Ince 5, Hendry 6, Tiger 7, C-heat 9, G-as 12, Ignores 14, Ain 16, Lage-R 17, Yal-ta 19, Elapsed 20, Spear 21, Pe-D-al 23, Fielder 24, D-isuse 25, Aha 27, R-obot 28, Melon 30, Thief 32, WI-NG 33, Tar (ta).

EASY
ACROSS: 3, Kendo 8, Noted 10, Ewers 11, Cos 12, Mural 13, Samurai 15, Refer 18, Mat 19, Attune 21, Bewitch 22, Alas 23, Near 24, Jealous 26, Avenue 29, Aid 31, Milan 32, Militia 34, Minim 35, SOS 36, Cameo 37, Strop 38, Drake.
DOWN: 1, Local 2, Resumes 4, Etui 5, Dearth 6, Owlet 7, Green 9, Tom 12, Matinee 14, Raw 16, Fumes 17, Retry 19, Acclaim 20, Madam 21, Bagel 23, Nudists 24, Junior 25, Oil 27, Vital 28, Named 30, Bison 32, Milk 33, Tor.

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medium

SOLUTION TO 6741

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To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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A1	I1	M3	M3	S1	A1	A1	1st Letter Triple	RACK 1
S1	S1	S1	P3	A1	A1	E1		RACK 2
T1	T1	R1	A1	I1	A1	S1	Double Word Score	RACK 3
T1	L1	R1	E1	I1	U1	Q10		RACK 4

PAR SCORE 100-110
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

S1	A1	M3	P3	L1	E1	S1	RACK 1 =	83
V4	E1	G2	G2	I1	E1		RACK 2 =	33
T1	W4	E1	E1	D2	Y4		RACK 3 =	39
C3	H4	A1	R1	G2	E1	S1	RACK 4 =	89
							JUDD'S TOTAL	244

PAR SCORE 160-170

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TYIDE

PESWT

SAASRH

LAFTAO

They have the best chips and salsa!
Are you saving some for later?
4/25
GUYS WITH FACIAL HAIR ABOVE THEIR MOUTHS SOMETIMES GET PART OF A MEAL ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FRUIT AFOOT AUBURN DEFUSE
Answer: The zoologist specialized in quadrupeds considering them a — "FOURS" OF NATURE

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1	7	1	5	3	2	8	4
4	1	8	1	5	6	3	2
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2	4	5	3	1	7	1	8
1	3	1	6	2	8	4	5
1	1	6	7	8	1	7	1
5	8	7	4	6	1	2	6

SOLUTION TO 3195

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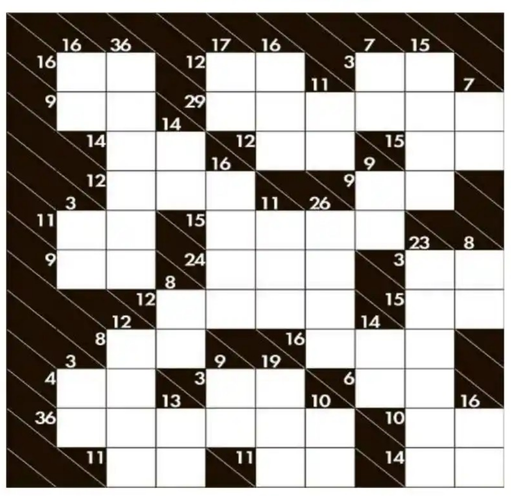
To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3196



SOLUTION TO 3195

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

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SOLUTION TO 3724

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To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

Mamdani emerges as front-runner in NYC mayor race

NEW YORK, PTI: New York City is all set to elect a new mayor on Tuesday as the mayoral race enters its final lap, with Indian-descent Zohran Kwame Mamdani emerging as the front-runner to take up the top political post in America's biggest city.

Mamdani, 34, born in Uganda and raised in New York City, is a New York State Assembly member and democratic socialist running for Mayor.

The Democratic nominee will face off against former New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, who is running as an independent candidate and the Republican nominee Curtis Sliwa on the ballots.

Current New York City Mayor Eric Adams, whose administration has been plagued by scandals, dropped out of the mayoral race in September.

November 4 is election day across the US, with polls opening from 6 am to 9 pm. The early voting period, which commenced on October 25, ended on Sunday.

Mamdani, the son of renowned Indian filmmaker Mira Nair and Mahmood Mamdani, a Ugandan author of Indian ancestry, upset Cuomo in the Democratic primary race for New York City mayor and was declared victorious in June.

Trump justifies nuclear tests plan, says Pak & China already doing it

Some countries are not acknowledging their tests publicly, says US Prez

WASHINGTON, PTI

Pakistan and China are among the countries testing nuclear weapons, US President Donald Trump has said, as he justified his administration's plans to resume testing of America's own nuclear assets for the first time in over three decades.

Ahead of his meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping last week, Trump announced that the US would begin testing nuclear weapons on an "equal basis" with rival powers.

In an interview with CBS News' Norah O'Donnell on Sunday, the US president named Russia, China, North Korea, and Pakistan as countries conducting nuclear tests.

"Russia's testing, and China's testing, but they don't talk about it. You know, we're an open society. We're different. We talk about it... We're going to test, because they test and others test," Trump said.

"And certainly North Korea's been testing. Pakistan's been testing," he asserted. Shortly before meeting Xi in South Korea last Thursday, Trump said on social media that the US would resume testing nuclear weapons for the first time in three decades.

Trump claimed that some of the countries conducting nuclear weapons tests do not acknowledge them publicly.

"They don't go and tell you about it. You don't necessarily know where they're testing. They test way underground, where people don't know exactly what's happening with the test," he said. Last week, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Russia had tested a Poseidon nuclear-capable super torpedo.

In his remarks, Trump strongly defended his decision to restart the process of nuclear weapons testing, saying that testing was necessary to ensure the reliability of the weapons.

"They (other countries) test, and we don't test. We have to test. And Russia did make a bit of a threat the other day when they said they were going to do certain forms of different levels of testing. But Russia tests, China tests, and we're going to test also," the president said.

"You make nuclear weapons, and then you don't test. How are you going to do that? How are you going to know if they work?" he asked.

According to US media reports, the US military regularly tests its missiles that are capable of delivering a nuclear warhead, but it has not detonated a nuclear weapon since 1992.

In the interview, Trump once again claimed credit for stopping the conflict between India and Pakistan in May, as well as seven other international disputes.

The US president said he used tariffs as leverage to end certain conflicts. "It did work with India, and it did work with Pakistan, and it did work with about 60% of those countries."

An art piece titled "Saint or Sinner", depicting US President Donald Trump dressed in an orange prison jumpsuit, is on display in Basel, Switzerland, on Monday. AFP

Nuclear test won't include explosions, says energy secretary

WEST PALM BEACH (US), AP/PTI: New tests of the US nuclear weapons system ordered up by President Donald Trump will not include nuclear explosions, Energy Secretary Chris Wright has said.

It was the first clarity from the Trump administration since the president took to social media last week to say he had "instructed the Department of War to start testing our Nuclear Weapons on an equal basis". "I think the tests we're talking about right now are system tests," Wright said in an interview on Fox News' "Sunday Briefing". "These are not nuclear explosions. These are what we call noncritical explosions."

Wright, whose agency is responsible for testing, added that the planned testing involves "all the other parts of a nuclear weapon to make sure they deliver the appropriate geometry and they set up the nuclear explosion."

The confusion over Trump's intention started minutes before he held a critical meeting in South Korea with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Actor George Clooney, a star fundraiser for the Democratic Party, said it was a "mistake" for Kamala Harris to replace Joe Biden as the candidate against Donald Trump in the last US election. REUTERS FILE

Flight delays hit US as govt shutdown enters second month

▶ Flight delays continued at US airports amid air traffic controller shortages as the government shutdown entered its second month, with Newark airport in New Jersey experiencing delays of two to three hours, AP/PTI reports from Washington.

New York City's Emergency Management office said on X Sunday that Newark delays often ripple out to the region's other airports. Travelers flying to, from or through New York "should expect schedule changes, gate holds, and missed connections. Anyone flying today should check flight status before heading to the airport and expect longer waits," the social media post added. George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and Chicago O'Hare were also seeing dozens of delays and one or two cancellations, along with major airports in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver and Miami, according to FlightAware. As of Sunday evening, FlightAware said there were 4,295 delays and 557 cancellations of flights within, into or out of the US, not all related to controller shortages.

Israel returns bodies of 45 people

▶ Israel on Monday handed over the bodies of 45 Palestinians, health officials in Gaza said, a day after Hamas returned the remains of three hostages. Israeli officials identified the three as soldiers who were killed in the Hamas-led attack on October 7, 2023, that triggered the war, AP/PTI reports from Deir Al-Balah.

The exchange marked another step forward for the tenuous, US-brokered ceasefire in the two-year war — the deadliest and most destructive war ever fought between Israel and the militant Hamas group. Since the truce took effect on Oct. 10, Palestinian militants have released the remains of 20 hostages, with eight now still remaining in Gaza.

Hamas militants guard an area where they are searching for the bodies of hostages with the help of the Red Cross in Gaza City on Monday. AFP

Hegseth visits Korean DMZ

▶ US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth visited the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) separating the two Koreas on Monday as he began a two-day visit to ally South Korea, AP/PTI reports from Seoul.

Hegseth and South Korean Defence Minister Ahn Gyu-back received a briefing from military officials at Observation Post Ouellette, a site near the military demarcation line that past US presidents, including Donald Trump during his first term in 2019, had visited to peer across the border into North Korea and meet with American soldiers. Hegseth and Ahn also visited the Panmunjom border village, where an armistice was signed to pause the 1950-53 Korean War. Ahn's ministry said the visit "reaffirmed the firm combined defence posture and close coordination" between the allies.

Famine spreads in Sudan

▶ Famine has spread to two regions of war-torn Sudan, including a major city in Darfur where paramilitary fighters have been rampaging the past week, a global hunger monitoring group said Monday, marking the latest crisis in a war that has created the world's largest humanitarian disaster, AP/PTI reports from Cairo.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, or IPC, said famine has been detected in the Darfur city of el-Fasher and the city of Kadugli in South Kordofan province. Twenty other areas in Darfur and Kordofan, where fighting intensified in recent months, are also at risk of famine, according to the IPC report. El-Fasher had been under siege by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces for 18 months.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei attends a meeting with students in Tehran on Monday. REUTERS

Powerful quake kills 20 in Afghanistan

Historic mosque damaged in 6.3-magnitude tremor

KABUL, AP/PTI

A powerful 6.3-magnitude earthquake struck northern Afghanistan before dawn on Monday, killing at least 20 people and injuring more than 640 others, while damaging the historic Blue Mosque, officials said.

Authorities warned that the number of casualties could rise as rescue operations continued. In the town of Khulm, near the epicentre, residents dug through the rubble of collapsed mud-brick homes using shovels and bare hands, searching for survivors and salvaging belongings.

Local resident Ahmad Zia said the air was thick with dust from the ruins. "We pulled the bodies of two people from the rubble, and their funerals will be held today," he said.

Footage on social media from Mazar-e-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, showed several bricks had fallen from the walls of the Blue Mosque, though the structure remained largely intact. The centuries-old site, one of Afghanistan's most revered religious landmarks, serves as a key gathering place during Islamic and cultural festivals.

The impoverished nation often struggles to respond effectively to natural disasters, especially in remote regions. Buildings are typically low-rise structures made of concrete or brick, while many rural homes are constructed from mud and wood, leaving them highly vulnerable to collapse.

In August, an earthquake in eastern Afghanistan killed more than 2,200 people. The US Geological Survey said the quake's epicentre was located 22 kilometres west-southwest of Khulm and struck at 12:59 am at a depth of 28 km. Qari Taj Mohammad Hemat, deputy spokesman for Afghanistan's National Disaster Management Authority, said the quake had affected Balkh, Samangan, Sar-e-Pul and Kunduz provinces, leaving 20 people dead and 643 others injured, including 25 in critical condition.

Earlier, Sharafat Zaman, a spokesman for the Ministry of Public Health, said the dead and more than 500 injured had been taken to hospitals in Balkh and Samangan provinces. He said rescuers were still at the scene and that casualty figures were changing. In Badakhshan province, the quake destroyed 800 houses in one village in the Shahr-e-Bozorg district, said Ihsanullah Kamgar, spokesman for the provincial police headquarters.

People inspect the debris of damaged buildings in the aftermath of an earthquake in Samangan province, Afghanistan, on Monday. REUTERS

China pledges to defend shared security interests with Russia

BEIJING, REUTERS

China wants to strengthen cooperation with Russia and defend shared security interests, Premier Li Qiang told visiting Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin on Monday.

At talks in the Chinese city of Hangzhou, Li described Russia and China as "good neighbours and good partners who trust each other."

"China is willing to strengthen the alignment of development strategies with Russia and expand cooperation in various fields," Chinese national broadcaster CCTV quoted Li as saying. Mishustin is on a two-day visit to China, which Russia's TASS news agency said would include talks with President Xi Jinping in Beijing on Tuesday.

The discussions are expected to centre on economic and technological cooperation as Russia seeks to cope with Western sanctions over its war in Ukraine, while China faces tensions in its relations with the United States over trade and technology.

Li and Mishustin last held the regular heads-of-government meeting between Russia and China in August 2024, when the Chinese premier praised the "new vigour" and "vitality" in bilateral ties.

The Kremlin said on Friday it attached "very great" importance to Mishustin's visit, but did not say whether President Vladimir Putin would send a message to Xi via his prime minister.

Putin and Xi signed a "no limits" partnership in February 2022. Since then, Russia has turned increasingly to China to mitigate the impact of sanctions, highlighting record bilateral trade, greater settlements in yuan and deeper energy cooperation.

The proposed Power of Siberia 2 pipeline, which could deliver an additional 50 billion cubic metres (bcm) of gas per year to China through Mongolia from Russian Arctic gas fields, moved a step closer to completion earlier this year, although questions remain over pricing.

US-China friction, particularly over trade under US President Donald Trump, has driven Moscow and Beijing to strengthen cross-border commerce. However, China-Russia trade has declined in recent months. Russian Industry and Trade Minister Anton Alikhanov attributed the drop to "external" economic pressure.

Indian-origin truck driver not intoxicated during crash: Report

NEW YORK, PTI: An Indian-origin driver who crashed his semi-truck, killing three people in California last month, was not driving while intoxicated, contrary to initial reports, but the case remains one of grossly negligent homicide, US authorities have said.

Jashanpreet Singh, 21, of Yuba City, was arrested on October 21 on suspicion of 'driving under the influence' (DUI) and was charged with vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence as well as DUI causing injury in the multi-vehicle crash.

Three people were killed and several others seriously injured in the crash in Ontario, California. An updated complaint, filed last week, stated that toxicology reports confirmed none of the substances tested were present in Singh's blood.

"However, the case remains a grossly negligent homicide," the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office said. The updated complaint includes three counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, along with a new charge of 'reckless driving on a highway causing a specified injury'. Eyewitness and dashcam footage showed Singh travelling at high speed into stationary traffic.

Pak Navy plans to induct first Chinese-built submarine in 2026

BEIJING, REUTERS: The Pakistan Navy expects its first Chinese-designed submarine to enter active service next year, the country's top admiral told Chinese state media, bolstering Beijing's efforts to counter regional rival India and project power towards the Middle East.

A deal under which Islamabad will take delivery of eight Hangor-class submarines by 2028 is "progressing smoothly," Admiral Naveed Ashraf told the Global Times in an interview published on Sunday, adding that the submarines would enhance Pakistan's ability to patrol the North Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean.

The update on the Chinese submarine deal follows Pakistan's Air Force using Chinese-made J-10 fighter jets in May to shoot down an Indian Air Force Rafale aircraft made by France.

The altercation between the nuclear-armed neighbours surprised many in the military community and raised questions about the superiority of Western hardware over Chinese alternatives.

Under the terms of the submarine agreement — reportedly worth up to $5 billion — the first four diesel-electric attack submarines will be built in China, with the remaining vessels assembled in Pakistan to strengthen the South Asian nation's technical capabilities.

"Chinese-origin platforms and equipment have been reliable, technologically advanced and well-suited to the Pakistan Navy's operational requirements," Ashraf said.

"As modern warfare evolves, emerging technologies such as unmanned systems, AI and advanced electronic warfare systems are becoming increasingly important. The Pakistan Navy is focusing on these technologies and exploring collaboration with China," Ashraf was also quoted as saying.

CRUMBLING DOWN

Dust rises due to a second collapse of part of the medieval tower "Torre dei Conti" near the Roman Forum in Rome on Monday. Three workers inside were evacuated, with one taken to hospital in critical condition. AFP

Abducted Pak Hindu girl reunites with family

KARACHI, PTI

A Pakistani Hindu girl, who faced three harrowing months after being abducted, forcefully converted and married to a Muslim man, finally got to reunite with her family after a Sindh court's order, a community leader said here.

A lower court in Umerkot, about 310 kms east of Karachi, ordered Sunita Kumari Maharaj to be reunited with her family on Saturday, according to Shiva Kaachi, a Hindu activist, who was involved in pleading the case for her parents.

Sunita was abducted from Kunri, a town in Mirpurkhas district, and later forced into conversion followed by forced marriage with a much older Muslim man. According to local Hindu community leaders and rights activists she is among the few fortunate Hindu girls to get some justice.

"Sunita's case is not an isolated one and this systematic abductions, forced conversions and marriages of Hindu girls is a crisis that continues to terrorise our community in Sindh," Advocate Chandar Kohli from Umerkot said on Monday.

He said Sunita had been located in Umerkot after a case was filed by her parents and activists but the court sent her to a safe house after several hearings although she pleaded she was abducted and forced to convert and marry.

"The biggest problem is that in most cases the accused produce fake documents to prove their marriage is legal and from free will by the victims who are girls who mostly belong to poor families who don't have the resources or knowledge to plead their cases," he said.

Manufacturing output growth picks up in Oct on strong demand

Mfg PMI rose to 59.2 in Oct from 57.7 in Sept

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NEW DELHI, DHNS

Strong domestic demands buoyed by Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate rationalisation lifted India's manufacturing output growth to near five year high in October even though international sales weakened, an industry survey conducted by S&P Global showed on Monday.

Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for manufacturing rose to 59.2 in October from 57.7 recorded in the previous month. The rate of manufacturing output expansion in October was the joint-best in five years, matching that seen in August.

"October data showed that the pick-up in sales growth mainly stemmed from the domestic market, as new export orders increased at a softer rate," S&P Global said in its monthly report based on a survey conducted among around 400 manufacturing firms spread across the country.

International demand for Indian goods in October was the weakest in the calendar year-to-date. High US tariffs likely impacted demands for Indian goods in the international markets.

However, a substantial reduction in GST rates as part of the rate rationalisation implemented from September 22 boosted domestic demands. "Robust end-demand fuelled expansions in output, new orders, and job creation," said Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC.

Meanwhile, input prices moderated in October while average selling prices increased as some manufacturers passed on additional cost burdens to end-consumers, he said.

According to the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), GST rate cuts boosted Diwali sales to a record high of Rs 6.05 lakh crore. This includes Rs 5.40 lakh crore in goods such as jewellery, electronics, apparel, furnishings, and sweets; and Rs 65,000 crore in services.

"Diwali 2025 trade figures indicate a 25% rise over last year's Rs 4.25 lakh crore sales. Mainline retail – particularly non-corporate and traditional markets -- contributed 85% of total trade," said Praveen Khandelwal, Secretary General, CAIT.

Despite receding cost pressures, the rate of charge inflation matched that registered in September and was therefore the joint-highest in 12 years. Survey participants indicated that demand strength was the key factor behind the current hike in output prices.

Also, some firms suggested that greater outlays on freight and labour were transferred through to customers.

Job creation entered its twentieth consecutive month in October. The rate of expansion was moderate and broadly similar to September.

Regarding the outlook, manufacturers attributed positive expectations to GST reform, expanded capacities and marketing efforts. They also predicted demand resilience and hope that pending contracts will be approved.

"Looking ahead, future business sentiment is strong due to positive expectations around Goods and Services Tax reform and healthy demand," said Bhandari.

ED attaches Anil Ambani's assets worth over Rs 7.5K cr

The action comes in a money laundering case against him

NEW DELHI, PTI

Anil Ambani

Assets worth more than Rs 7,500 crore linked to Reliance Group Chairman Anil Ambani, his group companies and linked entities have been attached as part of a money laundering investigation, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said on Monday.

The federal probe agency issued four separate provisional orders under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) on October 31 for attaching 42 properties, including the 66-year-old Ambani's family home in Pali Hill, Mumbai, apart from other residential and commercial properties of his group companies.

On Monday, the ED issued a fifth order attaching 32 acres of land of Dhirubhai Ambani Knowledge City (DAKC) in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, worth Rs 4,462 crore in the Reliance Communications Ltd. (RCOM) linked alleged bank fraud case.

A plot of land belonging to the Reliance Centre on Maharaja Ranjit Singh Marg in Delhi and multiple other assets of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd., certain linked entities like Adhar Property Consultancy Private Limited, Mohanbir Hi-tech Build Private Limited, Gamesa Investment Management Private Limited, Vihaan43 Realty Private Limited (earlier known as Kunjbihari Developers Private Limited) and that of Campion Properties Limited have been attached as part of the October 31 orders.

These properties are located in the national capital, Noida, Ghaziabad, Mumbai, Pune, Thane, Hyderabad, Chennai and East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh.

Offices in the 'Nagin Mahal' building at Churchgate in Mumbai, flats in BHA Millenium apartments in Noida and Camus Capri Apartments in Hyderabad are among those provisionally attached by the ED.The total value of the attached assets is more than Rs 7,545 crore, the agency said in a statement.

R-Infra said in a regulatory filing that there was no impact on the business operations, shareholders, employees or any other stakeholders of the company. Anil Ambani is not on the Board of Reliance Infrastructure Limited for more than 3.5 years, it said.

The agency said, so far, ED has detected "fraudulent" diversion of public money by various Reliance Anil Ambani group companies, including RCOM, Reliance Home Finance Ltd (RHFL), Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd (RCFL), Reliance Infrastructure Ltd (R-Infra) and Reliance Power Ltd.

The statement said a separate search action was carried out by the agency under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) against R-Infra, and it was found that Rs 40 crore was "siphoned" from the Jaipur-Reengus highway project.

"Funds moved through Surat-based shell companies to Dubai. The trail has unearthed a wider international hawala network exceeding Rs 600 crore," it said.

The agency alleged that around 2010-12 onwards, RCOM and its group companies raised thousands of crores from Indian banks, of which Rs 19,694 crore remains outstanding.

These assets turned into non-performing assets (NPA), with five banks declaring RCOM's loan accounts as fraud, it said.

"Loans taken by one entity from one bank were utilised for repayment of loans taken by other entities from other banks, transfer to related parties, and investments in mutual funds, which was in contravention of the terms and conditions of the sanction letter of the loans."

"In particular, RCOM and its group companies diverted over Rs 13,600 crore used in evergreening loans, over Rs 12,600 crore was diverted to connected parties and over Rs 1,800 crore was invested in fixed deposits and mutual funds, etc.," it said.

Bharti Airtel Q2 profit more than doubles to Rs 8,651 crore

NEW DELHI, PTI: Bharti Airtel on Monday reported over two-fold jump in consolidated net profit at Rs 8,651 crore for September quarter FY26, mainly on account of growth in high-paying smartphone customers and post-paid connections.

The company posted a profit of Rs 4,153.4 crore in the same period a year ago. Bharti Airtel Africa too had posted multifold growth in net income at Rs 969 crore during the quarter.

Revenue from operations of Bharti Airtel increased by about 26% to Rs 52,145 crore during the quarter from Rs 41,473.3 crore in the same period last year.

The India revenue increased by 22.6% YoY to Rs 38,690 crore after including its share from Indus Towers. The company had reported total India revenue at Rs 31,561 crore excluding revenue from Indus Towers.

The company's growth on YoY basis including revenue from passive infrastructure has been 11 per cent with September 2024 revenue reinstated to Rs 34,983.7 crore.

The India revenue without passive infrastructure share grew by 10% only.

Mobile average revenue per user, a key matrix to determine telecom operators' growth, of Bharti Airtel was higher than its competitor Jio.

Airtel posted an increase of about 10 per cent in ARPU to Rs 256 during the quarter compared to Rs 233 in the same period a year ago.

Jio last month reported an ARPU of Rs 211.4 and revenue from operations of Rs 36,332 crore in the same quarter.

India's exports to US dip 37.5% during May-Sept 2025: GTRI

NEW DELHI, PTI

India's exports to the US have dipped 37.5% during May-September 2025 from $8.8 billion in May to $5.5 billion in September, think tank GTRI said on Sunday.

It said that exports of pharmaceuticals, smartphones, metals and auto have declined during the period.

Pharmaceutical product exports dipped 15.7% from $745.6 million in May to $628.3 million in September. Industrial metals and auto parts facing uniform tariffs for all countries saw a modest 16.7% drop, from $0.6 billion to $0.5 billion.

Aluminium exports fell 37% , copper 25%, auto parts 12%, and iron-steel 8%, GTRI Founder Ajay Srivastava said, adding that with similar duties on global suppliers, the dip likely reflects softer U.S. industrial activity rather than lost competitiveness. He added that labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, gems and jewellery, chemicals, agri-foods, and machinery endured a 33% decline, from $4.8 billion to $3.2 billion.

"The impact here was both deep and widespread," he said.

Exports of solar panels dropped 60.8% from $202.6 million in May to $79.4 million in September.

In textiles and garments also, shipments fell 37%, from $944 million to $597 million.

"Garments were down 44%, home textiles 16%, and yarn and fabrics 41%," he said adding marine and seafood exports declined 49%, from $223 million to $113 million, dealing a severe blow to one of India's most labour-intensive export sectors..

The US imposed a total of 50% tariff on a wide range of Indian products effective from August 27.

India, NZ teams commence next round of talks for trade pact

NEW DELHI, PTI: Officials of India and New Zealand on Monday started the fourth round of negotiations in Auckland for the proposed free trade agreement, the commerce ministry said.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will reach Auckland this week to meet his New Zealand counterpart Todd McClay to review the progress of the negotiations.

"The Fourth Round (November 3-7, 2025) of negotiations for the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) commenced today (Monday) in Auckland, New Zealand," the ministry said in a statement.

Negotiations in this round are focusing on key areas, including trade in goods and services, and Rules of Origin. The FTA negotiations was formally launched on March 16, 2025. The third round of negotiations for the agreement concluded on September 19 in Queenstown, New Zealand.

Demand for Machine Learning engineers surge 139%

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Employees with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) skills are very much in demand, as these roles saw a significant 33% YoY increase in hiring in October.

The demand for niche and high-skill talent continued to intensify, with several specialised roles posting exceptional growth. Hiring for ML Engineers led this trend with a massive 139% surge, said Naukri in its JobSpeak Index.

Apart from AI and ML, other specialised roles that saw a significant increase in demand include Search Engineers (62%), Medical Biller/Coders (41%), Transition Managers (35%), and Manufacturing Engineers (32%).

"This highlights a clear trend where employers are prioritising professionals with specific, high-value skill sets," Naukri said.

The BPO/ITES sector continued its growth with a 6% YoY increase in hiring activity. The expansion was largely powered by the intake of entry-level talent, with hiring for professionals in the 0-3 years experience bracket growing by 20%.

Both metro and emerging cities witnessed strong performance. Coimbatore (33%), Chennai (29%), and Bengaluru (17%) were the top performers.

Naukri data highlighted that the country's white-collar hiring activity eased in October 2025 as the Diwali-Dussehra festive cluster temporarily slowed recruitment momentum.

Pawan Goyal, Chief Business Officer, Naukri, said, "The moderation in October hiring was expected, given the clustering of major festive holidays like Diwali and Dussehra in the same month. Once adjusted for this seasonal effect, the underlying hiring trend remains positive (3%), reflecting a steady start to Q3. It's encouraging to see the Education and BPO sectors sustain their growth momentum alongside continued demand for specialised, high-skill roles."

The IT sector recorded a 15% YoY contraction, reflecting the festive impact.

Rupee falls 7 paise to close at 88.77 against US dollar

MUMBAI, PTI: The rupee extended its descent for the third straight day and settled seven paise down at 88.77 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, near its all-time low level, weighed down by a strong American currency and foreign fund outflows.

Forex traders said domestic equities ended on a positive note and supported the domestic unit at lower levels.

Moreover, intervention by the Central Bank also offered some cushioning.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 88.73 and touched an intraday low of 88.80 against the greenback. The unit ended the session at 88.77 (provisional) against the dollar, logging a loss of 7 paise from its previous closing level.

The rupee had ended one paisa lower at 88.70 against the dollar on Friday, a day after crashing 47 paise on Thursday.

SC clears Aakash rights issue; dismisses GLAS, Byju's RP plea

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Supreme Court has dismissed petitions filed by GLAS Trust Company, a creditor of Think & Learn, Byju's parent company and Shailendra Ajmera, Partner at Ernst & Young LLP (EY) and Resolution Professional (RP) for Byju's, challenging the recent order of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) Chennai.

The dismissal of the civil appeals upholds the NCLAT's 28 October ruling, which had rejected the Application filed by GLAS seeking to stop the Rights Issue of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL). With this, AESL gets the green signal to proceed with its planned rights issue and raise funds.

Sanjay Garg, Head-Legal of AESL said, "We welcome the Supreme Court's dismissal of the Civil Appeals filed by GLAS Trust and the RP, which sought to misuse insolvency proceedings to disrupt this legacy. This judgment reaffirms the strength of our position."

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ಒಟ್ಟು 49 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.753.19 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಧಾರವಾಡ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836–2213838 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್ ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅ.ನಂ. 1 ರಿಂದ 49 ರವರೆಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04–11–2025 ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (1 ರಿಂದ 49)

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19–11–2025 ಸಂಜೆ 04.00 ಗಂಟೆ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20–11–2025 ಸಂಜೆ 04.30 ಗಂಟೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಧಾರವಾಡ/819/ಮಣಿಪಾಲ್/2025–26

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No. DGM-4/BSWML/Tend/03/2025-26 Date: 03.11.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Through GOK KPPP only)

1) The Deputy General Manager-4, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the **Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru** from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the table below. The Bidders may submit tenders for works given in the table through KPPP Portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz. https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** The Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to bidders to qualify for award of the contract.
2) Tender document may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka from 06.11.2025.
3) Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs) Excluding GST	EMD Amount (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document	Contract Completion Period
1	Construction of Public and Community toilets in GBA limits under Swacch Bharath mission 2.0.	**1350.00**	Rs. 13,50,000/-	As per KPPP portal	6 months

Calendar of events: 1. Last Date for receipt of Tenders is **21.11.2025 upto 4.00 p.m. 2.** Last date for uploading queries on KPP portal **12.11.2025 upto 4.00 p.m. 3.** Pre-Bid Meeting under the Chairmanship of Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (tech), **BSWML on 13.11.2025 at 4.00 p.m at Meeting Hall,** BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 52. **4.** Date of Opening of Technical bids are on **24.11.2025 by 4.00 p.m. or next working day. 5.** Opening of financial bids will be intimated to technically qualified bidders.

Terms and Conditions: **1.** The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Tenderers of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Tenderers. It is the Tenderers responsibility to verify the KPP portal for the latest information related to the tender, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**. KPP Portal help desk telephone numbers are: 080-22371090/22373788. The tenderer is required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the tenders. **2.** The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of KPPP portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches. **3.** Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the KPPP portal only.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-4, BSWML.

DIPR/CP/3549/AAA/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
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No: EEPWDGDG PB -1 :-Corrigendum- :2025-26: 3185
Dated : 03-11-2025

Corrigendum and Time Extension Tender Notification

This office tender notification No:- 3119 Dated : 28-10-2025 W.I.-22853- SC Read as-28887-SC

The Calendar of Events works notified under this office tender notification No:-3119 Dated : 28-10-2025 (W.I. 27835 and 28887-SC) Work revised calendar of events as follows (a) Last Date for Clarification up to : **19-11-2025** (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : **21-11-2025** Noon 4.00 PM (c) Opening of Technical Bid Date : **24-11-2025** (d) Opening of Financial Bid Date : **25-11-2025**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Division, Gadag.

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/354/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
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CORRIGENDUM - I

Sl.No	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Civil works for installation of UPS and battery banks at Main building basement URSC Campus, Vimanapura, Bengaluru - 560017.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/M/22/2025-26 dated: 13/10/2025
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 17.49Lakhs
4	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended upto 16.30 hrs on 10/11/2025
5	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 13/11/2025
6	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 14.30 hrs on 13/11/2025

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**.

Sd/-,
Group Director, C&MG

From chalk to chaos: Stress management for teachers

QUARRATUL AIN IFRAH

What if stress is not about the head and worrying, as commonly understood? The word 'stress' has been receiving a lot of attention with the rise of new work ethics, and the simultaneous increase in psychological studies, but the mere popularity of the word has done little to manage its effects. The way we understand stress needs to be completely redefined.

We cannot help but agree that teaching as a profession is highly stressful. The teacher is required to do high amounts of work in short periods, blur the lines between work and personal life, and perform constant "emotional labour". He/she must appear calm and encouraging before the student, suppressing their own emotions at all times.

AI and technology have created a sudden generation gap between teachers and students, leaving little time for teachers to catch up and creating a very overloaded, confused work environment. Therefore, they must understand stress as a concept and the strategies of managing it.

In the simplest terms, stress is the imbalance between the demands placed on an individual and his/her ability to handle them. Any task beyond an individual's resources is deemed stressful, and the resources can be physical, mental, or material.

The cause of stress can hence be defined not only by the difficult event or situation, but also by the personal interpretation of that event, which determines whether it is perceived as difficult or easy.

The personality traits of the individual, whether he is a perfectionist or a procrastinator, His genetic or hereditary characteristics and also the social pressure placed on the individual in his/her family or work setting, to perform a given task in a given time with high proficiency, all lead to the experience of stress.

Many consequences

The part that makes stress intolerable and disables the person from doing any other task is, of course, its aroused state. The human body is designed for survival, and anything that threatens it is a source of stress. It does not differentiate between the sight of a tiger and an important work deadline, so any stressful event pushes the body into a fight-or-flight state, characterised by a high heart rate and BP, tense muscles, digestive issues, or sleep disturbances.

The aroused state uses up all of the body's energy sources, so if the body is under stress for a long time, it eventually shuts down. The individual faces chronic fatigue, and at one point, the mental processes dysfunction as well. Concentration, memory, mood swings and feelings of frustration arise. The person may then depend on the use of substances like excess coffee, drugs, tobacco or alcohol to cope. He begins to avoid more responsibilities, becoming helpless and overwhelmed, which in turn increases future stress. The cycle continues.

But what if there were no exams? No pressure at all? The result would not be productive or healthy either, because a limited amount of stress is required at every stage to enable growth and learning. However, when this limit is crossed unreasonably and the individual is expected to perform beyond their abilities, the stress becomes harmful. Harmful to the extent of death.

What can we do differently?

So if unchecked stress is that fatal, it is not only necessary but immediately vital to understand how to manage it. We may begin by understanding that stress is not a disease or an enemy; it is simply our body's call for balance —a signal of overheating. If we listen to the call, the situation is easily faced.

Stress management may require different methods, depending on the extent and nature of the stress, such as direct problem-solving if the stressor is addressable, or emotion-focused management to change our negative emotions if the event is out of our control. Cognitive reframing also allows the person to shift their outlook to a more positive one, so that the same event is perceived as a challenge or opportunity rather than a threat, thereby reducing stress.

Some instant techniques like deep breathing/box breathing, grounding exercises (5-4-3-2-1), or brain dumping can help to provide immediate relief in the middle of a stressful situation by calming the body and reminding it that you are still in control. If the stressor or event is likely to be long-term, lasting years, it requires a complete change in lifestyle and mindset to adapt.

Solutions in the long run

This may include seeking relief through spirituality—a belief and faith that allows the person to think beyond their material situation and be patient. Regular physical exercise, a healthy diet, and a sleep schedule prepare the body for future stress and reduce its effects. At the same time, activities such as hobbies, reading, emotional expression, and social interaction may strengthen the mind and its ability to cope with stress.

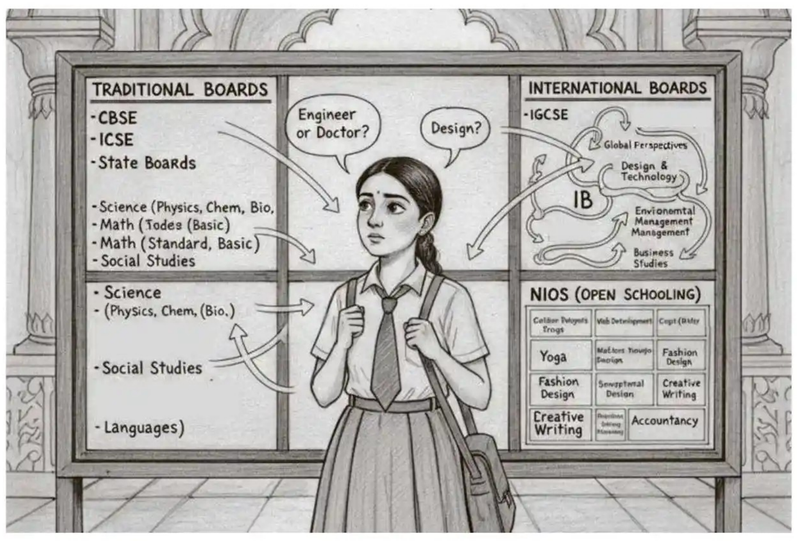
Time management is important for stress prevention, as more than half of the pressure stems from a lack of time. If important tasks are performed before they become urgent, the likelihood of stress is eliminated. Long-term lifestyle changes help reduce stress.

Stress is inevitable, and for teachers who carry the weight of so many futures, acknowledging stress is not weakness; it is wisdom. So let us strive not only to eliminate stress, but also to recognise and respond to it as it requires.

(The author is based in Kalaburagi)

How subject selection is evolving

Choosing the right subjects in school is important for students in order to realise their true potential, writes Ali Khwaja



Traditionally, students followed a common syllabus till Class 10, including two or three languages, science, mathematics, and social studies, with choice available only in Class 11 or PUC-I. About 35 years ago, NIOS introduced a wide range of academic and vocational subjects without compulsory combinations.

Later, international Boards (IGCSE, IB, ICSE) offered non-traditional subjects and flexible combinations. ICSE now allows subject selection after Class 8, allowing students to drop math or science if they are inclined towards commerce or arts. CBSE too introduced Standard and Basic Math, the latter for those avoiding math-related careers.

Very few students have a clear career vision by Class 10—reports say fewer than 10% receive proper guidance. The stereotype persists: good at science means engineer, at biology means doctor, at math means CA. Yet, interest and teaching quality often influence performance more than innate aptitude.

Students should explore careers early, considering subject strengths, personality, interests, and aptitudes—such as concentration, memory, adaptability, and social skills. Thus, subject selection from Class 8 should align with future career requirements.

Even with counselling, many remain undecided by Class 10. They should at least narrow their options to career clusters such as health, IT, engineering, finance, design, communication, defence, law, research, or management, and then choose matching subjects.

Students may study science up to Class 10 or 12 and later switch fields, as it enhances analytical and logical thinking—but only if they enjoy and perform well in science. They must also know that within science, commerce, and arts, multiple combinations exist: science students may drop math or biology; commerce students must study accountancy and business studies with two optionals; arts students likewise have flexibility, depending on school offerings.

Subjects in various boards

Boards offering subject variety in Classes 9 and 10 help students choose earlier, reducing stress and the risk of irrelevance. Though parents often push the "keep all options open" approach in math, science, social studies, and languages, this is unwise for those who are struggling. Some students even repeatedly fail in subjects irrelevant to their goals, unnecessarily delaying progress.

- **ICSE:** Students can take English and one more language with Social Studies in Group I, and any two or three from the following: Math, Science, Environmental Science, Economics, Commercial Studies, and one more language in Group II. In Group III, students can choose one subject from a variety of electives, such as Computer Applications, Economic Applications, Commercial Applications, Art, Performing Arts, Home Science, Cookery, Fashion Design, Physical Education, Yoga, and Technical Drawing.
- **CBSE:** Class 10 subjects generally include five core subjects: Mathematics, Science, Social Science, English, and Hindi (or another second language). In addition to these compulsory subjects, students can choose from a variety of elective subjects, such as Computer Applications, Artificial Intelligence, Physical Education, Music, Home Science, and more.
- **SSLC:** students need to study three languages (the choices in language are very wide, but Kannada is compulsory). Core subjects include Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology), Mathematics, and Social Sciences (which include history, geography, civics and economics)
- **NIOS:** 10th standard students need to take one language and any four from a wide variety of academic and vocational subjects, starting with Math and Science, then Data Entry Operations, Social Science, Home Science, and another 20 alternatives, including painting, music, psychology, and entrepreneurship.
- **IGCSE (Cambridge):** It allows students to select from languages, three levels of mathematics, sciences (including environmental sciences), art, drama, information technology, and computer science.
- **IB:** In Class 10, it includes eight subject groups: Language acquisition, Language and literature, Individuals and societies, Sciences, Mathematics, Arts, Physical and health education, and Design. While it does not require a fixed number of subjects, it emphasises interdisciplinary learning, allowing students to make connections with real-world issues.

(The author is an academic counsellor)

The silent crisis in journalism education

KILARA VIKRAM HEGDE

There was a time when, if a college offered a journalism course, the entire campus would buzz with the energy of those students. The sight of students roaming around all day with a camera in hand or searching for a story to write.

Once upon a time, Mangalore University's Journalism Department was filled with the lively spirit of such students. Today, that department stands shuttered. The Indian Institute of Journalism & New Media (IIJNM) College, which was once the most sought-after college where even average students couldn't get a seat, now struggles to fill its seats. So, where did all those journalism aspirants go?

When it became known that universities such as Mangalore University and Bangalore North University, and private institutions such as the IIJNM, had closed their journalism departments due to a lack of student applications, people thought it was a tragedy. But in reality, it wasn't a tragedy; it was simply that these institutions failed to adapt to the changing trends in journalism.

Before the pandemic, print and electronic media dominated the field. But after COVID-19 struck, they began to lose ground in expanding their reach. Meanwhile, digital media a newer, more dynamic form sprang to life and succeeded in reaching audiences worldwide. During this transformation, some reputed journalism colleges and universities in the country were still teaching outdated lessons, such as how to write a `letter to the editor'. During this same period, tech-savvy journalism students realised there was no real future for them if they stuck to conventional journalism methods.

However, that wasn't the full truth either. Media platforms that offered

practical exposure opened new opportunities for journalism students. In these spaces, classes were not taught by people who had once been journalists and later moved into teaching, as was the case in traditional institutions. Instead, practising journalists themselves started teaching students.

Institutions such as the Asian College of Journalism (ACJ), through collaborations with The Hindu and Reuters, began offering students the chance to work on real newsroom stories. Similarly, the India Today Media Institute (ITMI) and Bennett University's Times School of Media integrated hands-on training with their media group's TV and digital platforms, allowing students to produce stories that reached national audiences. Even newer digital platforms like The News Minute and Youth Ki Awaaz opened their virtual newsrooms to students, offering them exposure to real-time reporting and multimedia storytelling.

There, the curriculum went beyond just print and electronic media; experienced professionals from radio, public relations, social media, and digital marketing also shared their knowledge. This approach helped students open their eyes to the new world of journalism.

The rapid evolution of journalism careers in recent years underscores just how much the media landscape has changed and why traditional institutions that failed to keep pace have lost their appeal among younger aspirants.

Journalism schools should comprehensively review and update their curricula to align with current industry standards and technological advancements, including integrating digital media, multimedia storytelling, and data journalism as core components to prepare students for the modern media landscape, rather than focusing primarily on traditional journalism.

Institutions must also establish structured partnerships with media organisations through guest lectures, collaborative projects, and internships, invest in continuous professional development for faculty to keep pace with industry trends, strengthen graduate employability by enhancing career services and placement opportunities, and reevaluate financial models to make education more affordable through revised fees and increased scholarships.

By adopting these measures, journalism schools can effectively address current challenges and play a crucial role in shaping a dynamic, relevant, and future-ready media industry, supported by collaboration among academia, industry, and government.

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Bengaluru City University has invited applications for admission to its postgraduate programmes—MBA (morning and Evening batches) and MCA at the Jnana Jyothi Central College Campus and Bagalur Postgraduate Centre respectively. The entrance examination will be held on November 13 and counselling will take place on November 17. Apply online before November 7, 2025, and with a late fee of Rs 200 until November 10. For details: 080-22131385 Apply: https://t.ly/qvl_g

Young Leaders for Social Change

Democratic Sangha has launched the Young Leaders for Social Change programme, designed for high school students, to inspire and empower them to become change-makers and leaders who accelerate social change. Children between grades 8 and 12, with leadership potential, can register for the program at ylscbangalore@gmail.com or check https://www.democraticsangha.org/

Muskaan Scholarship Programme

Children of commercial drivers (LMV/HMV) and mechanics, and students belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) category studying in classes 9 to 12 are eligible for the scholarship. Family income should not exceed Rs 8 lakh per annum. Apply before Nov 5. Details: https://t.ly/_uC3o

Junior Architect Internship

Rousing Designs is hiring junior architect interns in Bengaluru. Students with knowledge of AutoCAD, Figma, and MS-Excel can apply by November 26. The stipend is Rs 15,000/month. Apply at: https://shorturl.at/SRz3j.

Digital Marketing Internship

Brandshark is hiring digital marketing interns in Bengaluru. Students with knowledge of digital marketing, Facebook Ads, Facebook marketing, Google AdWords, social media marketing, performance marketing, Search Engine Marketing and Search Engine Optimisation can apply by November 26. The stipend is Rs 10,000/month. Apply at: https://shorturl.at/mseAp.

How a billion dreams came to fruition

A spectacular win by the Indian team in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 Finals. Their performance in the final was marked by great skill and confidence. The team showed exceptional teamwork and tenacity throughout the tournament.

PM Narendra Modi

1983 inspired an entire generation to dream big and chase those dreams. Today, our Women's Cricket Team has done something truly special. They have inspired countless young girls across the country to pick up a bat and ball.

Sachin Tendulkar

Inspiration for generations to come, you've made every Indian proud with your fearless cricket and belief throughout. You guys deserve all the accolades and enjoy the moment to the fullest. Well done Harman and the team. Jai Hind

Virat Kohli

What an achievement by the girls .. they have come a long way in the last 6 yrs . So proud of them ..world champions @ BCCIWomen

Sourav Ganguly

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur pulls off a Bhangra move on the presentation stage. PTI

Kaur and company go where no Indian women's team has gone before

G KRISHNAN
NAVI MUMBAI

Harmanpreet Kaur now knows how it feels to win a World Cup. It was the self-belief that kept her and her team going over nine matches across five weeks ending with her lifting the Cup on Sunday.

"There were ups and downs but the team had self-belief. We weren't looking to the left or right. We were only looking straight at our main goal that was to lift the trophy," said Kaur with the Cup placed in front of her on the table while she addressed the media after the final in early hours of Monday. In August this year, Kaur, ace batters Smriti Mandhana and Jemimah Rodrigues were at the 50-day countdown to the start of the World Cup in Mumbai and were determined to emulate their male counterparts who achieved World Cup glory at home in 2011. The star of India's triumphant campaign 14 years ago, Yuvraj Singh, reminded the girls that it was not going to be a joyride playing a World Cup in front of home fans. He reminded them of having a single-minded focus on lifting the trophy by shutting out all the outside noises.

It was, indeed, not an easy ride for India. Having won in their first two matches against Sri Lanka and Pakistan, India faced three straight defeats against stronger opponents. They began to feel the pressure of a billion followers.

They were criticised for not being able to finish off matches from winning positions. That was their undoing in those losses to South Africa, Australia and England. They were also reliant on their openers Smriti Mandhana and Pratika Rawal to do the bulk of the scoring, which they did, but their middle-order was consistently inconsistent.

Kaur, herself, did not have a good run except for the 70 against England in the league stage and the 88 in the semifinal. Harleen Deol, the No. 3 in the first five matches, did not have a healthy strike nor did she convert her 20s, 30s and 40s into bigger scores. Deol had to eventually give her spot to Rodrigues.

The lower middle order led by the ever-reliable Player of the Tournament, Deepti Sharma often bailed the team out. She had good company in Richa Ghosh, Amanjot Kaur and Sneh Rana who made vital contributions that held the team stick together throughout.

A home World Cup can be mentally draining. Between the heartbreaks were some silver linings that gave them belief they could lift the World Cup. Shifting the matches from Bengaluru and including DY Patil Stadium in its place came as a boon.

Injured Pratika Rawal is being helped up the ramp in a wheelchair. PTI

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur (left) and her deputy Smriti Mandhana are emotional after the victory. PTI

"As soon as we knew that our venue had been changed to DY Patil Stadium, we all got so happy because we've always played good cricket there. The biggest thing is the crowd. It's always supportive. We all started messaging in the group. We were manifesting. We said, 'The final is going to be there — we won't leave it now'," Kaur said.

Barring the league match against Bangladesh, which ended in No Result due to rain, India won all their matches at this venue. They were all do or die ones. Against New Zealand in the league stage, it was a virtual quarterfinal, and India posted the highest total batting first, their 340/3 enough to win and book their semifinal berth. In the last four against Australia, they came up with a world record chase in ODIs anchored sensationally by Jemimah Rodrigues' unbeaten century in the last four.

Jemimah Rodrigues takes a selfie with her medal. AFP

Kaur and her women

HARMANPREET KAUR

No praise is high enough for the way Harmanpreet captained the side. India were under pressure after three successive losses but she marshalled the resources brilliantly. Her rasping 89 in the semifinal against Australia showed how she loves delivering on the big stage.

M: 9 | R: 260 | HS: 89 | Avg: 32.50
SR: 89.04 | 50s: 3

SMRITI MANDHANA

After an average start to the tournament on the back of some serious form, Smriti Mandhana made up when it mattered, scoring 80 against Australia, 88 versus England, 109 against New Zealand and concluded the tournament with 434 runs and also as the second-highest run-getter at an average of 54.25.

M: 9 | R: 434 | HS: 109 | Ave: 54.25
SR: 98.78 | 100s: 1 | 50s: 2

PRATIKA RAWAL

Pratika Rawal scored 308 runs in seven matches at an impressive average of 51.33. After being criticised for her strike rate, Pratika came in clutch with a brilliant century against New Zealand and was also the hosts' second-highest run scorer. Unfortunately, after her ankle injury, she did not participate further in the tournament.

M: 7 | R: 308 | HS: 122 | Ave: 51.33
SR: 77.77 | 100s: 1 | 50: 1

JEMIMAH RODRIGUES

Jemimah delivered a breakout campaign, peaking with a sublime unbeaten 127 in the record semifinal chase against Australia that silenced any doubts over her place. Finishing with 292 runs at 58.40, the middle-order anchor turned her emotions into fuel, capturing hearts nationwide.

M: 8 | R: 292 | HS: 127*
Ave: 58.40 | SR: 101.03
100s: 1 | 50s: 1

SHAFALI VERMA

After not being a part of the reserves, let alone the World Cup squad, Shafali Verma was named as a late injury replacement for Pratika Rawal. After a sub-par showing against Australia in the semifinal, Shafali scored 87, India's highest score in the final, picked up two wickets and was also the Player of the Match.

M: 2 | R: 97 | HS: 87 | Ave: 48.50
SR: 116.86 | 100: 0 | 50s: 1

HARLEEN DEOL

The No. 3 batter started the tournament well, scoring 48 and 46 against Sri Lanka and Pakistan respectively. But, her form tapered off after that, and following scores of 13, 38 and 24, she was dropped from the semifinal and final with Jemimah Rodrigues taking up her spot.

M: 7 | R: 169 | HS: 48 |
Avg: 33.80 | SR: 75.11

DEEPTI SHARMA

All-rounder Deepti was undoubtedly India's Most Valuable Player and was rightly adjudged the Player of the Series. The 27-year-old made some telling contributions in the middle order. The off-spinner was more deadly with the ball though, not only keeping things tight but picking wickets at crucial junctures.

M: 9 | R: 215 | HS: 58 | Avg: 30.71
SR: 90.33 | 50s: 3 | W: 22 | BB: 5/39
Eco: 5.52 | 4w: 2 | 5w: 1

RICHA GHOSH

The big-hitting Ghosh's role was that of a finisher and she did that job perfectly in crunch games. In the semis against Australia, she cracked 16-ball 26 that swung the momentum India's way in a tense chase while in the final, her 24-ball 34 ensured India got to 298 after a mid-innings stumble.

M: 8 | R: 235 | HS: 94 | Avg: 39.16 | SR: 133.52 | 50s: 1

AMANJOT KAUR

The back-up pacer to lead acts Renuka Singh and Kranti Gaud didn't necessarily come out firing all cylinders. She was mostly used in the middle phase but the right-armer turned out be a tad expensive. Captain Harmanpreet Kaur also had reservations about using her during the Power Play or at the death.

M: 7 | R: 146 | HS: 57 | Avg: 36.50 | SR: 83.90
50s: 1 | W: 6 | BB: 2/68 | Eco: 6.54

SHREE CHARANI

Shree emerged as India's middle-overs enforcer, striking regularly with her left-arm orthodox craft. Her 14 wickets at an economy of 4.96 showed her quality, including a best spell of 3/41 in the league clash against Australia. Trusted by Harmanpreet, she emerged as the second-highest wicket-taker in the team.

M: 9 | W: 14 | BB: 3-41
Eco: 4.96 | 4W: 0 | 5W: 0

SNEH RANA

Sneh made her presence count in the league phase, bagging key double-wicket spells in each of the first three games and adding valuable lower-order runs. Despite missing the final stages, she averaged nearly 50 with a brisk strike rate and proved her worth as a dependable all-round contributor.

M: 6 | R: 99 | HS: 33 | Ave: 49.50
SR: 113.79 | 50s: 0 | W: 7 | BB: 2/32
Eco: 5.67 | 4W: 0 | 5W: 0

UMA CHETRY

Playing back-up to an in-form Richa Ghosh, wicketkeeper-batter Uma got to feature in just one match during the World Cup. That too was a rain-affected affair against Bangladesh.

M: 1 | R: 0 | HS: 0 | Ave: 0
SR: 0 | 100s: 0 | 50s: 0 |
C: 0 | St: 0

RENUKA THAKUR

Renuka Thakur may not have enjoyed a big wicket tally, finishing with three in six outings, but her discipline stood out. With an economy of 4.02, including a tight 0/28 in eight overs in the final, the senior pacer offered control and composure even as spin took the spotlight.

M: 6 | W: 3 | BB: 2-25 |
Eco: 4.02 | 4W: 0 | 5W: 0

KRANTI GAUD

Since bursting onto the international scene less than five months ago, Kranti Gaud has made a name for herself as India's new-ball weapon. Appearing in her first World Cup, the youngster took nine wickets in eight matches, with her best performance coming against Pakistan, when she claimed 3/20.

M: 8 | W: 9 | BB: 3/20 | Eco: 5.73
4W: 0 | 5W: 0

RADHA YADAV

Radha Yadav is considered among the best fielders in the Indian setup and despite not featuring in the first six games, she fielded in almost every game as a substitute. And when the opportunity came her way, Radha picked up four wickets.

M: 3 | W: 4 | BB: 3/30 | Eco: 7.42
4W: 0 | 5W: 0

ARUNDHATI REDDY

Arundhati Reddy was one of the four seamers in India's 15-member squad for the ODI World Cup. However, due to India's team combinations, she did not get a game in the competition.

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Deepti: The unsung hero of Indian women's cricket

All-rounder emerges Player of the World Cup after a brilliant show in the final

VIGNESH BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU, DHNS

A spell of 5 for 39 in 9.3 overs and 58 runs off 58 balls with the bat in a World Cup final. A tally of 22 wickets and 215 runs in the tournament. The first cricketer to score a fifty and pick five wickets in a World Cup knockout game. The first to score 200+ runs and take 20+ wickets in a single World Cup. And only the second player to take a five-wicket haul in a Women's World Cup final.

While these are extraordinary numbers, this is a story of someone who often does not make the headlines. But without this story, India may not have become what they are today: World Cup winners.

Behind every title triumph is an invisible yet fully present force that makes it all come together. In the Women's ODI World Cup, that force goes by the name Deepti Sharma – quiet, unsung and uncelebrated - but calm, composed and now an influential figure, who put together an important piece in the proverbial puzzle of India's successful campaign.

Deepti's all-round abilities make her an integral part of the Indian setup and that leaped into the limelight on India's big day as well as throughout the tournament.

Deepti has been a part of a few rescue acts this World Cup. And it started in the very first game when India were tottering at 121 for five against Sri Lanka. The 28-year-old held the fort with a run-a-ball 53 to guide India to a competitive 269. She also put in an act with the ball, picking 3/54, which eventually translated into a win. She copped criticism for not taking India over the line against England -- the hosts were in the race till the 97th over of the game, thanks to Deepti's impressive 4/51 that put the brakes on England's scoring rate and a fighting 50 with the bat that kept them in chase.

In the semifinal against Australia, while Jemimah Rodrigues was steering the ship, India at one point needed someone to take a few risks, and guess who? Deepti scored a 17-ball 24 to inject some momentum into the chase.

And on the big day, Deepti (58) held the innings together and let her experience kick in to help India recover after a wobble. Later on, Deepti triggered a collapse, dismissing Annerie Dercksen and then struck twice in the same over, picking a well-set Laura Wolvaardt and Chloe Tryon, which turned decisive.

"Honestly, this is feeling like a dream because we have not been able to come out of that emotion. Feeling really nice I could contribute this way in a World Cup final. I just wanted to dedicate this (POTS) trophy to my mom and dad," Deepti said after the match.

Few would have picked Deepti for the Player of the Tournament award before September 30, and it was only fitting that she won it 10 years after she was named the best woman cricketer for 2015-16.

While Deepti would have struggled to sleep after she failed to defend six in the last over against South Africa with a semifinal spot on the line in Christchurch, she would probably have had a relatively good one after crushing her own demons in Navi Mumbai.

IN BRIEF

Oldest Olympic champ no more

▸ The world's oldest former Olympic champion, ex-track cyclist Charles Coste, has died aged 101, French sports minister Marina Ferrari announced Sunday, reports AFP from Paris.

Coste won gold at the 1948 London Olympics and was a torch bearer at the 2024 Paris Games.

"It was with great sorrow that I learned of the death of Charles Coste, Olympic champion in London," Ferrari said. "At 101 years old he leaves a huge sporting heritage."

Aditi finishes T-27 in KL

▸ India's Aditi Ashok carded a round of even par 72 on the final day to finish T-27 at the Maybank Championship in Kuala Lumpur, reports PTI.

With three birdies and three bogeys, Aditi, who was placed T-12 after the third round, finished the week with a four-day score of 10 under par with rounds of 70-70-66-72.

Karnataka trail despite Dharmani knock

BENGALURU, DHNS: Current group toppers Karnataka found themselves in an unwanted situation as they were all out for mere 212 runs on the second day of their Elite Group D match against Chhattisgarh in the Col CK Nayudu Trophy in Mysuru on Monday.

The U-23 side was trailing by 108 runs by stumps as Chhattisgarh finished the day on 17/0 after scoring 303 all out the other day.

The side could have been in a far worse situation if not for middle-order batter Harshil Dharmani, who scored a crucial 80 runs to recover Karnataka from 48/4 in the morning session.

Brief scores: Chhattisgarh: 303 all out & 14/0 in 9 overs vs Karnataka (O/n: 17/0): 212 all out in 79.1 overs (Harshil Dharmani 80, Dhruv Prabhakar 33; Mayank Yadav 3-48, Dev Aditya Singh 2-23, Prashant Sai Painkra 2-32).

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CRICKET

Ranji Trophy: Tamil Nadu vs Vidarbha, Punjab vs Goa, Himachal Pradesh vs Hyderabad **(day 4, 9:30 pm). LIVE** on **JioHotstar.**

FOOTBALL

Champions League: Slavia Prague vs Arsenal, Napoli vs Frankfurt **(both 11:15 pm)**, Atletico Madrid vs Union Saint-Gilloise, Liverpool vs Real Madrid, Tottenham vs Copenhagen, Olympiacos vs PSV, Juventus vs Sporting, PSG vs Bayern Munich, Bodo/ Glimt vs Monaco **(all 1:30 am on Wednesday). LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Red-hot Bayern face acid test of title credentials

German giants take on defending champions PSG; Liverpool host Real

MUNICH, AFP

Bayern Munich's trip to holders Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League on Tuesday is a test to determine where they stand among the European elite this season.

Bayern have won 15 from 15 matches in all competitions so far this campaign, setting a new record for the best start to a season in the top five European leagues.

The incredible start has Bayern dreaming of Champions League glory.

But taking on the European champions in their own backyard will provide the Bavarian giants with a clearer understanding of where they measure up.

Bayern have had an incredible start to the season, breaking a record set by AC Milan in 1992-93.

Bayern have only been behind for five minutes during their run, in Wednesday's 4-1 German Cup win over Cologne.

The Bavarians have beaten the teams placed second to fifth in the Bundesliga table domestically, as well as Club World Cup winners Chelsea.

Coach Vincent Kompany has Bayern firing across the park but the star of the show has undoubtedly been Harry Kane.

Far from resting on his laurels after finally lifting a trophy last season when Bayern won the Bundesliga, Kane has gone to another level.

Harry Kane will be looking to extend his sizzling form when Bayern Munich visit Paris St Germain in the Champions League on Tuesday night. REUTERS

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The England captain has 22 goals in 15 games in all competitions, but his creative impact has been crucial with the injured Jamal Musiala out for six months.

Kompany has begun playing Kane as a number 10 and encouraging him to drop deep, sometimes as far as defensive midfield. Even squad rotation has not stopped the Bayern machine from rolling on.

On Saturday, Kompany benched Kane, wingers Luis Diaz and Michael Olise along with central defender Dayot Upamecano for a match against Bayer Leverkusen, who Bayern had not beaten in the league since 2022.

The Bavarians were 3-0 up at half-time, with the reborn Serge Gnabry and improving Chelsea loanee Nicolas Jackson among the scorers.

"We've won 15 games, that's good. But it has to continue -- it's not enough yet," Kompany told fans at Bayern's AGM on Sunday. "I promise we will do everything to give you a successful season."

Like Bayern, more often than not PSG can comfortably dispose of their domestic rivals and are judged by their European exploits.

Last season, PSG finally delivered on the continental stage, hitting form at just the right time.

The Parisians won their first Champions League title in June, thrashing Inter Milan at Bayern's Allianz Arena.

PSG are yet to hit their straps in Ligue 1 this season, but have saved their best performances for Europe. With three games played -- all victories -- PSG sit atop the Champions League table, one place ahead of Bayern.

PSG won at Barcelona, thumped Atalanta and annihilated Leverkusen 7-2 away.

Tuesday's fixtures: Napoli vs Eintracht Frankfurt, Slavia Praha vs Arsenal (both 11:15 pm); Atletico Madrid vs Union Saint-Gilloise, Liverpool vs Real Madrid, Tottenham vs Copenhagen, Olympiacos vs PSV, Juventus vs Sporting, PSG vs Bayern Munich, Bodo/ Glimt vs Monaco (all 1:30 am on Wednesday).

Barca bounce back in style

BARCELONA, AFP

Lamine Yamal and Marcus Rashford struck for Barcelona as they earned a 3-1 win over Elche in La Liga on Sunday to bounce back from last weekend's Clasico defeat.

Ferran Torres was also on target for the Catalan giants, who moved back into second place to trail leaders Real Madrid by five points.

Barca continued to struggle in defence and Elche had chances to cause an upset, scoring through Rafa Mir, with the striker also twice hitting the woodwork.

Hansi Flick's Barcelona have failed to keep a clean sheet in six consecutive league games, in the midst of an injury crisis.

Barcelona's Lamine Yamal (centre) splits the shot between two Elche defenders to score during their La Liga game on Sunday night. REUTERS

The champions were missing Raphinha, Pedri and Joan Garcia among others, but were able to bring on Robert Lewandowski and Dani Olmo.

Barca took the lead after nine minutes when Alejandro Balde drove forward.

Karnataka thrash HP

BENGALURU, DHNS: Liyanka Shetty scored a half-century while team-mate Veda Varshini V picked up 3/13 as Karnataka registed a 59-run win over Himachal Pradesh in the U-19 Women's T20 Trophy at the Lady Amritbai Daga College Ground in Nagpur.

Batting first, Karnataka posted 150/7 in 20 overs, thanks to Liyanka (53) and Rachitha Hatwar (32). Anshita M Sandal was the pick of the bowlers for Himachal Pradesh, picking 2/28.

Brief scores: Karnataka: 150/7 in 20 overs (Rachitha Hatwar 32, Liyanka Shetty 53; Anshita M Sandal 2-28, Dhanya J Laxmi 2-24, Pallavi Thakur 3-28) bt Himachal Pradesh: 91 all out in 16.3 overs (Vandita K Rao 2-16, Veda Varshini V 3-13).

Narayanan, Diptayan, Aronyak march on with wins

GMs Lalit, Rithvik fight but falter in blitz section of the tie-break

MANISHA MOHITE

Diptayan Ghosh advanced to the second round after winning the tie-break against China's GM Peng Xiongjian.

India's GM SL Narayanan, GM Diptayan Ghosh and IM Aronyak advanced to the second round of the FIDE World Cup after winning their tie-break games on Monday.

GM Lalith Babu and GM Raja Rithvik fought hard for survival in all the four rapid games but were eliminated as the tie-break went into the blitz section, with the duo, losing both their games.

With 20 tie-break games, there was plenty of drama, excitement and inaccuracies played under faster time controls. Those who held onto their nerves and game were rewarded while it was heartbreak for others as they exited the tournament.

12-year-old sensation IM Oro Faustino of Argentina, the youngest player in this tournament knocked out higher rated GM Ante Brkic of Croatia.

Narayanan and Diptayan were on fire and scored victories in both their rapid games of the first set to advance to the second round.

IM Aronyak defied all odds to defeat higher rated GM Mateusz Bartel of Poland in the second set of rapid tiebreaks, winning 2-0 to storm into the second round. The first set of tie break resulted in a 1-1 deadlock.

GM Pranav Venkatesh, GM Raunak Sadhwani, GM Pranesh M, GM Iniyan Pa, GM Karthik Venkataraman and GM Surya Sekhar Ganguly had already advanced to the second round after two classical games. The top guns of chess, 50 of them, including 8 Indians are directly seeded to the second round.

Incidentally, 17 Indians will feature in the second round of the World Cup, the highest ever.

World Champion Dommaraju Gukesh arrived in Goa on Monday and will be in action from the second round. R Praggnanandhaa, Arjun Erigaisi, Vidit Gujrathi, Arvind Chitambaram, Nihal Sarin Pentala Harikrishna and Murali Karthikeyan are the other players, who will enter the arena on Tuesday.

The highly experienced Levon Aronian, who is the only player in the fray to have won the World Cup twice, Anish Giri, who recently staked a berth to the Candidates 2026 by winning the Grand Swiss and Ian Nepomniachtchi, the two-time World Championship Challenger, are amongst the overseas players joining from the second round.

Amongst the younger lot, 20-year-old Vincent Keymer has been the most impressive player in the last few months and is the fourth highest rated player in the world.

Round 1 Tie-break pairings of Indians: GM SL Narayanan bt IM Steven Rojas Salas (PER) 2-0; GM Lalit Babu lt to GM Max Warmerdam (NED) (1-1)(1-1) (0-2); IM Aronyak Ghosh bt GM Mateusz Bartel (POL) (1-1) (2-0)- 4-2; GM Diptayan Ghosh bt GM Xiongjian Peng (CHN) 2-0; GM Raja Rithvik R lost to GM Kazybek Nogerbek (KAZ) (1-1)(1-1) (0-2).

Head released to prepare for Ashes

HOBART, PTI

Opening batter Travis Head was on Monday released from Australia's T20 International squad for the remaining two matches against India to play in the Sheffield Shield ahead as part of preparations for the Ashes.

The 31-year-old left-hander will play alongside Alex Carey for South Australia against Tasmania here from November 10 as he switches to red-ball cricket ahead of the first Ashes Test starting November 21 in Perth. It will be his first first-class match since the tour of West Indies in July. He has had a relatively lean run in white-ball cricket over the last month with a top score of 31 in eight innings across T20Is and ODIs after making 142 against South Africa in August.

Head is the third member of Australia's T20I squad to prioritise preparation for the five-Test campaign against England.

Josh Hazlewood and Sean Abbott are the others, having both faced India over the course of the first three matches of the T20 series. The pair will now turn out for New South Wales in a star-studded clash with Victoria at the SCG.

Travis Head

The selectors left the decision on whether to play in the Shield or the final two T20Is against India to Head himself, but he opted to feature in the domestic competition, according to a report in cricket.com.au.

The report also said that every member of Australia's likely squad for the first Ashes Test squad will feature in the next round of Sheffield Shield.

Head played one early round of Sheffield Shield leading into last summer's Border-Gavaskar Trophy series and finished as its leading run scorer.

In-form Rybakina downs Swiatek

RIYADH (SAUDI ARABIA), AFP: Elena Rybakina extended her winning streak to eight consecutive matches with an impressive 3-6, 6-1, 6-0 victory over second-seeded Iga Swiatek in round-robin play at the WTA Finals in Riyadh on Monday.

After cruising past Amanda Anisimova in her opener on Saturday, Rybakina claimed her second win of the week to move to the top of the Serena Williams Group and plant a foot the semifinals.

Elena Rybakina

Rybakina was the last of the eight singles players to qualify for this season's WTA Finals and she did so by clinching the title in Ningbo and reaching the semifinals in Tokyo.

Djokovic confirmed

Seven-time champion Novak Djokovic will compete in next week's ATP Finals in Turin, the president of the Italian Tennis Federation confirmed on Monday.

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No: HFW/EE/DIVN/KLB/AE-2/Consultancy services/2025-26/1051 Date:- 31.10.2025

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION

Ref: This office Tender Notification No:HFW/EE/DIVN/KLB/AE-2/DPR/2025-26/833 Dt:-25.09.2025

With reference to the above referred this office Tender Notification, in which the following works are revised and tenders are invited from eligible Consultants/Firms for Preparation of Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the following works through kppp-portal.

Sl. No	Description of work	Cost put to tender (excluding GST) (Rs. In lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Stipulated Period
1	Preparation of Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the work of Construction of NIMHANS and De-Addiction Centre in the premises of Gulbarga University at Kalaburagi (indent No:313)	76.25	152500.00	20 days
2	Preparation of Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the work of Construction of Endocrinology Centre in the premises of Gulbarga University at Kalaburagi. (indent No:174)	30.00	60,000.00	20 days
3	Preparation of Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings for the work of Construction of Super speciality hospital at Koppal Institute of Medical Sciences Koppal (indent No:337)	76.25	152500.00	20 days

Calendar of Events:
1. Last date & time for receipt of Tender Online in the kppp-portal:**19.11.2025 up to 16:00 hours**, 2. Last date & time for opening of technical bids: **20.11.2025 at 16.30 hours**
Note: 1. All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of Entire tender process, rejection of bids/ individual bid etc,, without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth any changes in the schedule will not be published through news-papers & further changes will be updated only on kppp-portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
H & FWD Engineering Division, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/668/KSMC&A/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Veterinary Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Nandinagar Bidar.

No.EO/KVAFSU/T.No.143/Works/2025-26 Date:03.11.2025

TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement portal only)

1) Works DetailsCarrying out civil/electrical works at different campuses of KVAFSU, Bidar, 2) Tender Estimate Amount **Rs. 1,00,30,080.00,** 3) Contractors eligibility details As mentioned e-portal, 4) Tender Amount Details **Rs. 1,00,30,080.00,** 5) Cost of tender form and EMD details As mentionede-portal, 6) Last date for submitting application**19.11.2025 up to 5.00 PM,** 7) Opening of Technical Bid **21.11.2025 at 11.30 AM,** 9) Opening of financial bid **24.11.2025 at 11.30 AM,** 10) For more details contact office address, contract numbersOffice of the Estate Officer KVAFSU, Nandinagar, Bidar 08482-245446, 11) Website detailse-procurement portal- https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
M.I & G.W.D.D. DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR

No.EE/MID/VJP/AE-3/4702/TND/2025-26/2780 Date: 03.11.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department, Division Vijaypur invites work tenders through "E-Procurement" from eligible contractor on item rate Tender for following works as per KTPP Act-2000 and latest amendments.
4702- Major Works:- 1) Construction of 33KV sub station of Chikkalaki LIS in Jamakhandi Taluka of Bagalkot District, Amount put to Tender Rs.370.50 Lakhs, EMD Rs. 5,56,000.00, Tender Period for the above work is Eighteen(11) Months including monsoon.
Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka E-Procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home under login for Contractors from **06.11.2025.** Tenders may be submitted on electronically in E-Procurement portal up to **17-30 hrs.** on **17.11.2025.** Interested contractors information regarding works may be obtained from this office or e-Procurement helpdesk (Ph.No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227) upto **17-30 hrs.** on **15.11.2025.** Pre-bid Meeting will be held on **12.11.2025** for work costing above 1.00 Crore in the office of the Executive Engineer, MI&GWDD Division, Vijayapur. Tenders shall be quoted without adding GST and other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
MI & GWDD Division, Vijayapur

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No: ME/Tender/04/2025-26 Date: 28-10-2025

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Tender is invited through the GeM Portal **(Bid No: GEM/2025/B/6833228)** for the **Purchase of Dental Equipments on Turnkey basis required for Government Dental College and Research Institute, Bengaluru.**
Interested tenderers shall view and submit tenders in the GeM Portal (Government e-Marketplace). All other details can be viewed in GeM Portal.

Sd/- Director
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CRICKET RANJI TROPHY

Vidwath, Vyshak call the shots

Karnataka ask Kerala to follow on after taking a big lead on day 3

BENGALURU, DHNS

With a spring in their stride, Vidwath Kaverappa (4/42) and Vyshak Vijayakumar (3/62) followed up their impressive bowling show in Shivamogga, with a four-for and three-wicket haul respectively, as Karnataka bowled Kerala out for 238 in 95 overs on the third day of their third Elite Group B fixture at the KCA Cricket Ground in Mangalapuram on Monday.

With just about 15 minutes of play left, Karnataka had no hesitation in enforcing the follow-on in a bid to push for the victory.

MD Nidheesh (4 not out) and Krishna Prasad (2 not out) saw through the tricky phase of play to take Kerala to stumps at 10 for no loss in three overs, still trailing Karnataka by 338 runs.

Earlier, Kerala endured a shoddy batting show despite a fighting half-century from Baba Aparajith (88).

Overnight 21/3, Kerala lost their fourth and the first of the morning as Vidwath rearranged Vaisakh Chandran's stumps in the third over.

The Kerala worries didn't stop there as Basil NP had to walk back retired hurt and the hosts brought in Eden Apple Tom as the concussion substitute.

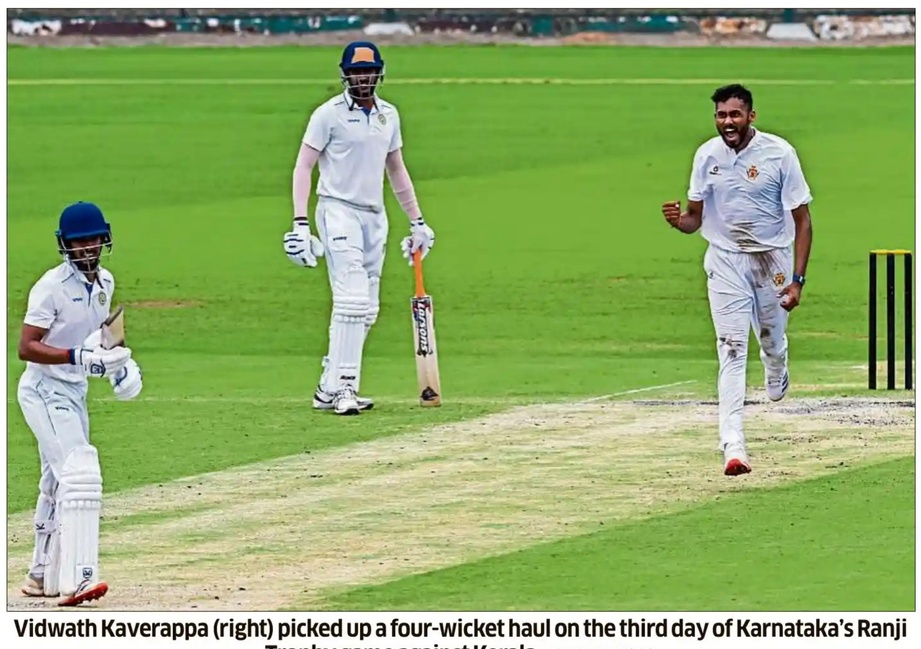
There was some resistance from Sachin Baby (31) and Baba Aparajith as both batters played positively to put on an 85-run partnership. However, the resilient stand ended in the last ball of the 43rd over when Vidwath finally broke the shackles, picking up Baby.

At 114/5, Ahammed Imran (31) joined hands with Aparajith to resurrect the innings again and together managed to score 68 runs.

Aparajith's fight was then ended by Shikhar Shetty, caught off Aneesh KV in the 64th over. Imran soon followed Aparajith back to the pavilion the very next over, giving Shreyas Gopal his first wicket.

The 22-year-old Shikhar came back for his second wicket, this time by dislodging Kerala skipper Mohammed Azharuddeen's (6) stumps.

After a frustrating ninth-wicket stand between Shoun Roger (29) and Apple Tom (10 not out) that lasted 105-balls for 30 runs, Vyshak pinned the former to end the partnership. Shikhar (2/31), Shreyas (1/24) capped off what was an all-round bowling effort.



Vidwath Kaverappa (right) picked up a four-wicket haul on the third day of Karnataka's Ranji Trophy game against Kerala. DH FILE PHOTO

Yashovardhan out

Karnataka have also announced a 15-member squad for the games against Maharashtra (Nov 8-11) in Pune and Chandigarh (Nov 16-19) in Hubbali. Yashovardhan Parantap, who was called in as Devdutt Padikkal's replacement, missed out.

Squad: Mayank Agarwal, SJ Nikin Jose, Karun Nair, Smaran R, Shrijith KL, Abhinav Manohar, Shreyas Gopal, Vyshak V, Vidwath Kaverappa, Abhilash Shetty, Venkatesh M, Kruthik Krishna, (WK), Mohsin Khan, Shikhar Shetty, Aneesh KV **Coach:** Yeregoud K; **Bowling Coach:** Mansur Ali Khan, **Fielding Coach:** Shabarish P Mohan, **Manager:** A Ramesh Rao, **Strength & Conditioning Coach:** Irfanulla Khan, **Physiotherapist:** Abhishek Kulkarni, **Performance Analyst:** Giri Prasad, **Masseur:** Somasundar CM.

SCOREBOARD

KARNATAKA (I Innings) 586/5 decl.
KERALA (I Innings O/n: 21/3): Krishna Prasad c Aneesh b Vyshak 4, NP Basil (retired hurt) 12, MD Nidheesh b Vidwath 0, Vaisakh Chandran c Jose b Vidwath 0, Akshay Chandran c Nikin b Vidwath 11, Sachin Baby c Shreyas b Vidwath 31, Baba Aparajith c Aneesh b Shikhar 88, Ahammed Imran st Shrijith b Shreyas 31, Mohammed Azharuddeen b Shikhar 6, Shoun Roger lbw Vyshak 29, Eden Apple Tom (not out) 10. Extras (B-1, LB-9) 10. **TOTAL (all out, 95 overs) 238.**
Fall of wickets: 1-9 (Krishna), 2-10 (Nidheesh), 3-14 (Vaishak), 4-28 (Akshay), 5-114 (Sachin), 6-182 (Aparajith), 7-186 (Imran), 8-202 (Azharuddeen), 9-232 (Shaun).
Bowling: Vidwath Kaverappa 22-9-42-4, Vyshak Vijaykumar 21-6-62-3, Shreyas Gopal 20-6-47-1, Shikhar Shetty 20-2-53-2, Mohsin Khan 12-2-24-0.
KERALA (II Innings f/o): Krishna Prasad (batting) 2, MD Nidheesh (batting) 4. Extras (B-4) 4. **TOTAL (for no loss, 3 overs) 10.**
Bowling: Vidwath Kaverappa 2-1-1-0, Vijaykumar Vyshak 1-0-5-0.
Group B brief scores: New Chandigarh: Punjab 325 in 135.4 overs (Uday Saharan 126, Salil Arora 63, Prerit Dutta 29, Mayank Markande 25; Vasuki Koushik 2-51, Darshan Misal 3-72, Deepraj Gaonkar 3-34) vs Goa (O/n: 92/0) 439/3 in 107 overs (Suyash Prabhudessai 149, Manthan Khutkar 86, Abhinav Tejrana 131, Snehal Kauthankar 54).
Indore: Madhya Pradesh 384/8 decl vs Chandigarh: 236/4 in 68 overs (Shivam Bhambri 52, Manan Vohra 52, Ankit Kaushik 59 n.o., Raj Bawa 37 n.o.; Kumar Kartikeya 2-90, Aryan Pandey 2-41).
Nasik: Saurashtra (O/n: 61/1) 165/1 in 50 overs (Harvik Desai 70 n.o., Jay Gohil 74 n.o.) vs Maharashtra.

Malkeet, Hussain start smoothly

BENGALURU, DHNS: India's Malkeet Singh and Hussain Khan kick-started their campaign in fine fashion on the opening day of the IBSF World Snooker Championships in Doha on Monday.

Malkeet, a former national champion in the shorter format of snooker (6-red), outplayed local pro Essa Al Qubaisi of Qatar 4-0 in the opening round of the first stage of the men's competition.

Although the match was bereft of big breaks, Malkeet kept Essa on a tight leash, and made the most of the chances that came his way en route to a lopsided victory.

A little later, Hussain scored a runaway 4-0 win over Shivan Mohammedali of Sweden. The highlight of the promising Indian's win was a fine break of 61 in the fourth frame.

Paras Gupta and Dhvaj Haria are the other two Indians in the fray in the first stage. While Gupta got a bye in the first round, Haria was slated to compete.

Results (Round 1, Indians unless specified): Malkeet Singh bt Essa Al Qubaisi (Qat) 4-0 (69-26, 75-15, 57-33, 59-21); Hussain Khan bt Shivan Mohammedali (Swe) 4-0 (59-33, 79-33, 65-45, 68 (61) -25).

IOA to reward AYG medallists

NEW DELHI, PTI: Indian Olympic Association on Monday announced that the gold, silver and bronze winners at the Youth Asian Games in Bahrain will be given cash rewards of Rs 5 lakh, 3 lakh and 2 lakh respectively. The fourth-place finishers will receive Rs 50,000 each.

BFC romp past United Stars 5-1

BENGALURU, DHNS

Rakshit P Anil netted a brace as Bengaluru FC completed a thumping come-from-behind 5-1 demolition of United Stars FC in the KSFA Super Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Monday.

BFC colts, who haven't been at their best this edition, were rocked by an early goal from Sarvana Kumar G in the sixth minute that put United Stars ahead. That goal, however, shook BFC from their slumber but their forays were thwarted by a resolute United Stars, who defended in numbers.

It looked like BFC may have to break into halftime a goal behind but Shamnad KP levelled the proceedings in the 41st minute. It reinvigorated BFC, and they came charging off the blocks upon resumption to decimate United Stars.

Rakshit scored in the 49th minute and then notched up his brace in the 73rd minute to put BFC 3-1 ahead. Y Aipharemba Chingakham found the back of the net in the 77th minute before MD Arbash capped a thumping win with a goal in the third minute of injury time.

LOCAL FOOTBALL

BFC are fourth in the table with 25 points from 13 games.

Results: FC Agniputhra: 6 (Crispin C Cleetus 20th, Azfar Noorani 26th, 82nd, Samphrangshai Ranoi 39th, 65th, Aaryan Amla 48th) bt MEG & Centre FC: 0; Parikrma FC: 2 (Thangjalen Haokip 40th, Tabish 45+3) drew with Bangalore Dream United FC: 2 (K Lalrinfela 36th, 69th); BFC: 5 (Shamnad KP 41st, Rakshit P Anil 49th, 73rd, Y Aipharemba Chingakham 77th, MD Arbash 90+3) bt United Stars FC: 1 (Saravana Kumar G 6th).

Bangalore Dream United's K Lalrinfela (left) scores past Parikrama goalkeeper Jeevan Kumar. DH PHOTO/ PUSHKAR V

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